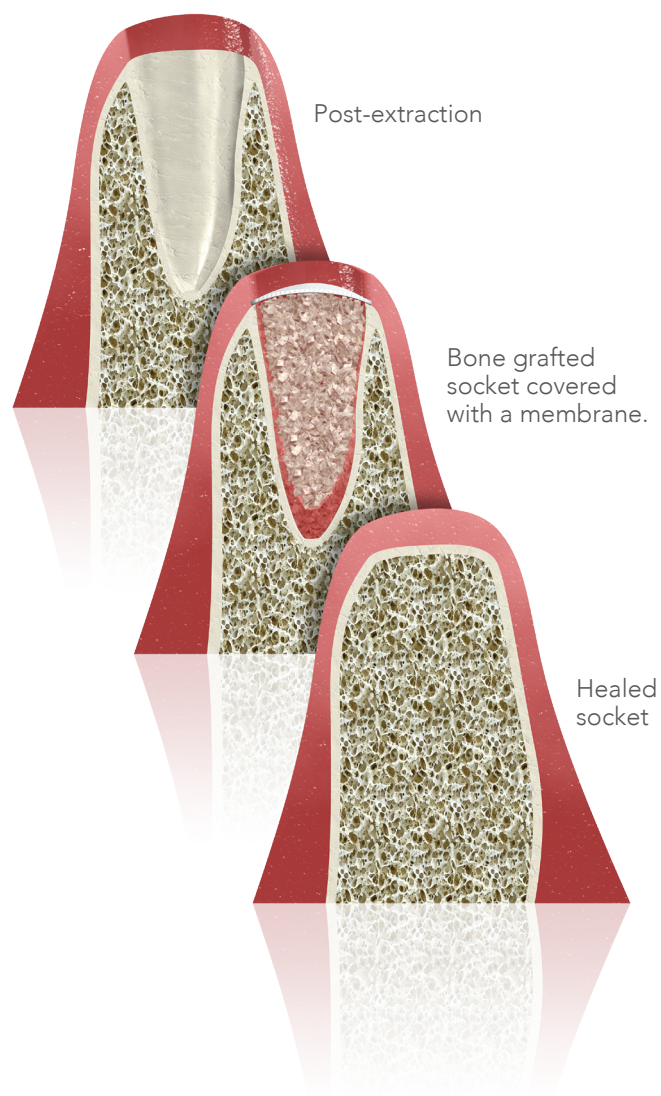


SOCKET PRESERVATION

WHY BONE IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT YOUR SMILE



WHAT IS REGENERATIVE CARE?

Regenerative care allows your dentist to maintain your smile line through guided bone regeneration, also referred to as bone grafting. This process uses membranes and bone grafts to allow slower growing bone tissue the opportunity to fill the void created by a missing tooth. If nothing is done, it is natural for the faster growing gum tissue to fill the void rather than bone tissue, taking away bone height and width. For any dental treatment, it is important that your bone tissue be maintained to protect your appearance and jawline.

THE BONE GRAFTING ADVANTAGE

Bone grafting is a simple procedure that your dentist can perform in the office. This procedure involves placing grafting material and possibly a membrane to cover the socket after tooth extraction. The graft, which is a safe and biocompatible material, aids in the regeneration of newly formed bone by your body.

As much as 40% of bone height and 60% of bone width can be lost post extraction.¹

If nothing is done to maintain the original space of a tooth, the socket will fill with soft tissue and bone will resorb. Regenerate to fill the void and maintain the bone volume to provide treatment options.

Patient Advantages:

- ➔ Preservation of natural jawbone
- ➔ Better appearance
- ➔ Safe and effective
- ➔ Better fit of dental appliance, bridge and/or implant

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*I Am Having My Tooth
Extracted – What Should I Do?*
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If you need to have a tooth extracted, ask your dentist about bone grafting to preserve your socket and maintain your jawline. This procedure can help to preserve bone structure and prevent bone loss that can result in shifting teeth, difficulty in chewing, bite collapse and general appearance of aging.

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