

Implant Maintenance & Monitoring Protocol

Following the completion of an implant restoration on a referred patient, a letter will be sent to the referring practitioner with a description of the implant type and restoration, baseline radiograph, baseline probing depths and identification of risk of peri-implant disease – low/medium/high.

The patient will be invited and advised to return to Audley dental Solutions for follow up on the 1st anniversary of implant restoration fit. At this point an assessment of the health of the implant gingival cuff clinically and implant bone level radiographically is made and the following algorithm employed:

- **No signs of peri-implant disease:**

Patient advised further monitoring by referring GDP, we will advise hygiene recall interval based on identified risk. Low risk – annually, Medium – 6 monthly, High risk – 3 monthly.

- **Diagnosis of peri-implant mucositis:**

Instigate hygiene protocol. 2 visits 4 weeks apart with focused OH advice, debridement, Perioflow treatment, Chlorhexidine irrigation and review.

- **Diagnosis of peri-implantitis:**

Instigate hygiene protocol. Re-assess risk factors, review cleansability of restoration and occlusal factors. At second hygiene visit decision about retreatment modality, either maintain with hygiene protocol and review, or remove restoration place healing abutments and continue with hygiene protocol – review response and need for further intervention.

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If peri-implant disease is diagnosed, a decision will need to be made whether the hygienist in the referring practice feels competent to treat or whether the patient is referred to our hygienist.