DO YOU HAVE A TOOTH IN THE FRONT OR MIDDLE OF YOUR UPPER OR LOWER JAW THAT NEEDS TO BE REMOVED?

You may qualify for a research study in the UCLA Dental Implant Center that will evaluate the long-term healing of dental implants.

Purpose? To evaluate bone and gum healing after placement of a dental implant that is placed at the time of tooth removal as compared to a dental implant placed after healing of an extraction site.

Why? Implants are often placed at the time of tooth removal to decrease treatment time and allow for less surgical procedures. However, conventional dental implants are placed after the tooth is extracted and allowed to heal for several months. Very few direct comparative studies are available to see if there are any differences in these two treatment protocols. In this study, an FDA approved dental implant that is tapered to provide improved stability in the bone if placed at the time of tooth removal will be evaluated and compared to the same implant placed after the tooth extraction site has healed.

What to expect? Volunteers of 20 years of age or older, with overall good medical and dental health, and with at least one tooth in the front or middle of the upper or lower jaw that needs to be extracted may be eligible to participate in this study. Consultation for research eligibility and if accepted, initial dental and implant examinations; including implant and crown placement. Procedure will be followed by 6 follow-up appointments, the last two at 4 and 5 years, to evaluate healing around the implant.

You may receive $300 payment for your involvement. You will also receive CT scans and 2 dental cleanings at no cost, and a discount on the implant and crown.

For information or to make an appointment contact Dr. Aghaloo in UCLA’s Dental Implant Center: (310) 206-6620, or visit us in UCLA’s Dental Implant Center, UCLA School of Dentistry, B0-129

MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ALL APPOINTMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN UCLA’s DENTAL IMPLANT CENTER