

Accelerated Dentistry for Busy Lifestyles

We live in an “I want it now society.” When the urge strikes for something new, it is only one click, one day, and one big brown truck away from your doorstep. Does this instant-gratification mindset apply to dental work? Can you still get a beautiful smile in time for that next big event? Can you solve that dental problem without sacrificing days from your busy lifestyle?

While having a great smile is important, maintaining a healthy mouth is also essential for your overall health. Sometimes teeth need to be repaired with crowns to prevent breakage and pain. Often, the healthiest (or only) option requires removal of a tooth and replacement with a dental implant.

But let's face it: juggling time for dental work within your already-packed, stressful schedule is—at best—an inconvenience. Effective use of your valuable time is *essential* for optimizing quality of life.

Historically, repairing or replacing teeth, required multiple appointments spanning days, weeks or sometimes months. Laboratory fabrication of dental crowns to be placed on teeth or dental implants often meant multiple days away from work and family. Temporary crowns were needed...they came loose, could be unsightly, and at times caused tooth sensitivity. For implants, the healing process in the jawbone took up to 6 months, during which the patient was constantly removing and reinserting an ugly, uncomfortable ‘flipper’ partial denture.

This time-consuming approach frustrated me as a dentist...*and* my patients. They wanted to know, “Why can't I just get it done *now*?”

Biological and digital technologies are answering this question—with great news. High-quality same-day dentistry has become mainstream, thanks to two advances that enable highly specialized dental teams to accelerate the process: same-day replacement of teeth using implants, and same-day crown fabrication.

Newer, bioactive implants and regenerative

materials available to the implant surgeon now promote accelerated healing within the bone, enabling immediate function of the newly restored implant and crown, dramatically reduced healing time, and a faster return to comfort and normal chewing.

The effective combination of 3D digital imaging with advanced software allows our specialized team at *The Chicago Center For Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry* to map out a ‘virtual treatment plan’, integrating every phase of your implant surgery, and restoration of your implants and natural teeth with crowns—before your treatment even begins. This includes 3D computed tomography scans of your jaws, intraoral 3D scanning of the teeth to be restored, and software that ties it all together.

Our in-office milling fabrication machines use this computerized ‘tooth-replacement roadmap’ to sculpt your new crowns from a solid block of ceramic or zirconia—while you wait—and have them ready to secure to your newly-placed implants (and natural teeth), frequently within a single visit.

So, the removable partial dentures of yesterday—and grinding down healthy teeth to support bridges—have largely become obsolete. Even when many (or all) teeth are missing, four or five implants can be placed to support a full denture... and yes, even that can be done in one visit!

As with any major consumer health decision, finding this ideal combination requires research and education to find the right specialized dental team to provide this accelerated treatment. Not all dental practices offer this. Dentists must have a high level of training and expertise to place and restore implants, and have invested in the necessary equipment and training to provide this high-quality same-day dentistry.

Here in Barrington, *The Chicago Center for Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry* has built a reputation for high-quality same-day restorative and implant dentistry by prioritizing your health—and respecting your busy lifestyle.

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