

## Re: Extraction of #5

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"Alexander Vasserman DDS" <[purple543210@yahoo.ca](mailto:purple543210@yahoo.ca)> wrote in message news:1102794146.659164.297460@c13g2000cwb.googlegroups.com...

- > *Ken in the old days of implants,*
- > *sinus lifts were not done. Implants were not presented as options for*
- > *these locations.*
- > *As more and more implants were placed dentists started to push the*
- > *envelope try new things to accomodate people that could not get bridge*
- > *work or dentures. As a result sinus lifts were attempted and now we can*
- > *place implants anywhere.*
- > *It does sound that your dentist is more conservative and cautious. It*
- > *is OK to wait and now that the tooth is out, you might as well wait.*
- > *But because the socket was not grafted it will cause the ridge width to*
- > *shrink. Ultimately when the implant is placed you may never notice the*
- > *difference and you will not have anything to compare it to.*
- > *I'm sure your dentist has his technique as I or any other dentist have*
- > *ours, but in my opinion waiting 2 months for an ungrafted extraction*
- > *socket to shrink and lose width and height, is a compromise.*

Very well put... I had the extraction on Tues..Do you see any problem if I go back this week and have the graft done to the socket. You are probably correct in that I should have had it done at the time of extraction but I wasn't sure to go bridge of implant..although my dentist did say that it would shape the ridge better regardless.

My time line was a concern since these are visible #5 and #4 teeth and I don't know if I want to wait that long.

2 months socket heal

5 months sinus lift(if necessary depending upon xray)

3-5 month implant placement

1-2 months abut

Does this sound about right

thanks again, Ken