

## Re: Implant problems...

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In article <1120327474.640378.157290@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, calberto22@xxxxxxxx says...

> Hi all, it's me again. well, i went back to the dentist and he put in  
> a new implant. Basically, the first one did not "osseointegrate" so he  
> did the whole thing again. after he did this, the tooth next to it was  
> numb. in my post-op visit he said that should go away in a few days.  
> it's been 3 months, it's still numb. problem is, this is my front  
> tooth! the one he is putting an implant in is the one NEXT to the  
> front tooth. i went back to him, as i still have 3 months to go with  
> the implant in, and my front tooth is still numb. he said that he was  
> not working anywhere near that, but that with maybe with all the  
> "activity" in there with taking out the old implant and putting in the  
> new one, maybe the nerve next door just lost it. he says he wasn't  
> near it, but he doesn't know, if the tooth is numb for 3 months, maybe  
> the nerve is just gone. he said i might need a root canal eventually!

Look at the bright side. If the tooth is numb, then the root canal won't hurt.

> on my FRONT TOOTH. so needless to say, i'm really worried about this.  
> the last thing i want is an implant in my front tooth. he said a root  
> canal did not mean an implant in the front. however, i remember hearing  
> that once you have a root canal it weakens the tooth and that you might  
> need an implant eventually.

The keywords are "might" and "eventually."

A crown is placed following endodontic therapy. The crown makes up for the weakening that results from the root canal therapy, and they may last for decades.

> he says the implant he put in is looking good, and that this one  
> "should take" and if it doesn't, he'll give me my \$ back. this whole  
> ordeal has been a nightmare, as i have had this retainer in my mouth  
> for almost a year and now it looks like the nerve on my front tooth is  
> gone. what should i do? i am considering telling him to give me my \$  
> back NOW and finding another dentist. he claims he's done this several  
> times, and this has never happened.

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Well, sometimes things don't go smoothly. Such is life. I guess you just picked the short straw.

- > he has a nice office and there's
- > always a lot of people there. he seems nice but i'm just getting
- > worried. does all this sound "normal" to you all. would you get a
- > second opinion? this is the "specialist" my dentist recommended whom
- > she insists is very good.
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- > Any advice??

Wait and see if the second implant takes.

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• **References:**

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