

## Avoid Problems with Dental Implants

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Here is how you can avoid some of the problems that do occur with dental implants. You also have an opportunity to fill out a dental implant problem report and send it to me.

Do You have problems with your dental implants? Fill in our Problem Report

#1.  
Find out who has implants and ask them who did them and how they came out.

#2.  
Find qualified ADA specialists, preferably a Board Certified Prosthodontist, to treat you. This is a very demanding area and specialty training is required.

#3.  
Get a detailed, written treatment plan including all fees and make sure there are no hidden costs.

#4.  
Get a second Consultation to help you evaluate the first one.

#5.  
Ask the dentist for names of patients that he or she has treated and for the names of other dentists that he works with. Call them and find out as much as you can about the type of work this dentist does.

#6.  
Determine the commitment that this dentist has to dentistry and to the area of dental implantology. Does he or she teach? Does he or she publish articles in the scientific dental literature. Is he or she considered an "expert" in this area of treatment.

#7.  
Look for someone who is confident, cautious and thorough in his or her approach to your dental work.

#8.  
Call the state board of dentistry and find out if there are any rulings against this practitioner regarding his dental practice.

#9.

Don't be afraid to ask how many of these procedures this dentist has performed successfully.

#10.

Ask the dentist about failures. What happens if an implant fails. What are the alternatives if this treatment plan does not work?

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