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We have moved!

*Come visit us at our new location!
Our new offices offer state-of-the-art equipment and amenities to provide the very best dental care for you and your family.*

We are now located at:

**5100 Station Way
Sarasota, Florida**

Directions:

From I75 exit West onto Clark Road, travel through the Honore intersection and turn right on Rosin Way. Take Rosin Way to the end and you will see the Station Way complex on the right.

From U.S. 41 (Tamiami Trail) travel East on Stickney Point Road/Clark Road going past McIntosh, but before Honore, turn left on Rosin Way. Take Rosin Way to the end and you will see the Station Way complex on the right.

Landmarks are the Southpoint BMW dealership and Starbucks at Rosin Way.

*Our phone number is still
941.924.7571.*

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Your Dental Health ... News and Info

TOOTH REMOVAL AND TREATMENT OPTIONS

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It is estimated that over 40 million teeth are extracted each year in the United States leaving these patients with an edentulous area or areas. How we choose to treat these areas is dependent on how we remove the tooth itself and treat the extraction site.

Currently there are four basic treatment options for patients to choose from after a tooth has been removed:

4. Remove the tooth and do nothing to replace the tooth.
3. Remove the tooth and fill in the edentulous area with a false tooth attached to a partial denture. (This comes in and out of the mouth)
2. Remove the tooth and if possible replace the edentulous area with a fixed bridge. (This is cemented or bonded in place and does not come out of the mouth)
1. Remove the tooth and place a dental implant in the area of the lost tooth, fabricate a crown to fit the implant and fill the edentulous area.

All four of these treatment options require the treating doctor to pay close attention to ensure optimum functional and esthetic outcomes.

When a tooth is removed regardless of its location the first and most significant change in the area we see as dentists is bone loss. It is believed that within the first year after a tooth is removed that as much as 50% of the bone in that area is lost. This loss can be attributed to many things which are why we always apply pre-surgical site evaluation, atraumatic extraction techniques, site, ridge and soft tissue preservation and comprehensive treatment planning to ensure the maximum in health, functions and esthetics for our patients, regardless of post surgical treatment selection.

Although all of the above listed treatments are acceptable, the gold standard for single tooth replacement is the placement of a dental implant. Dental implants have a few unique characteristics that make them so highly recommended. The first and possibly the most important is to stop further bone loss. As a dental implant is placed and integrated, the body accepts it as part of its own and changes the signals going to the surrounding bone from a resorptive signal to a regenerative signal. This in turn integrates the implant and stops the process of bone resorption or loss. Secondly, once integrated the strength and longevity is unmatched by any other dental procedure available today. Thirdly is optimal esthetics. We have the ability today to construct crowns on top of implants that esthetically rival any cosmetic procedure available. It is for these three reasons that we recommend a patient consider the procedure if they are a good candidate.

One in eight people will lose a tooth this year. Make sure you are well informed. For more information or to schedule consult appointments, go to our » [website contact page](#) and request an appointment or » [send the Doctors a question](#) [dickinsonscott@hotmail.com] .