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mini implant system

INFINITAS MINI-IMPLANTS: A PATIENT GUIDE

Congratulations! You and your orthodontist are benefiting from a revolutionary new and research-based orthodontic treatment. Your orthodontist has received specialist training in this technique in order to make your brace treatment as efficient and effective as possible.

What is a mini-implant?

It's a specially engineered titanium alloy screw which beds into your jaw bone thereby acting as an anchor point and greatly assisting with the precisely controlled movement of your teeth.

Will it be painful?

Local anaesthesia is used to numb a small area of your gum, and the mini-implant is then gently inserted. You may experience an odd pressure sensation as this occurs. Once the numbness wears off you may feel some discomfort within the first 24 hours and approximately 50% of patients report taking simple painkillers (e.g. ibuprofen or paracetamol) to resolve this.

What do I need to do?

Mini-implants are simply removed when no longer needed, usually without the need for any anaesthesia (it's that easy!). The resulting small wound heals painlessly within several days.

- Avoid using an electric toothbrush on the mini-implant itself.
- Use Chlorhexidine mouthwash to rinse this area twice daily for the first five days.
- After five days, dip a small toothbrush in the Chlorhexidine mouthwash and clean gently around the mini-implant
- Don't fiddle with it with your fingers!

What problems can I expect?

The vast majority of mini-implants remain stable during brace treatment and cause little nuisance. However, 10-20% of them become loose prematurely in which case they are rarely painful and can be replaced if necessary. However, if you have any queries or concerns about a mini-implant then your orthodontist will be able to help.