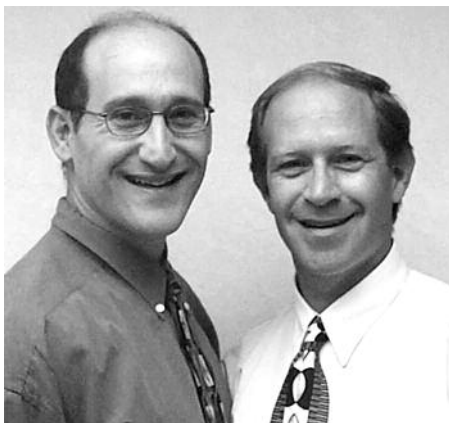


# Ask The Dentists

Dear Dr. Winter, I have two molars missing, one in the lower jaw and one in the upper jaw. Are implants able to be put in and temporaries placed on the same day? Why do so many dentists refuse to perform these immediate load implants and will place only traditional implants where they make you wait 6 months to put on a crown?

**Answer:** This is a great question and there are a lot of factors that determine the answer. The initial stability of the implant placed (how solid it is at insertion) as well as the amount and quality of existing bone are some of the factors that determine whether they can be loaded or covered with a temporary crown. We also look at the type of occlusion or bite you have. Bite forces that aren't ideal can lead to overloading the healing implant which can lead to failure of the implant. In other words, high forces placed on a healing implant can cause it to not integrate with the bone.

The teeth you describe (back molars) don't usually show in your smile and immediate load adds to the risk that your implant will fail. The healing process should be undisturbed to allow for uneventful healing whenever possible. That is why we try not to have anything on the implants during healing. You must ask yourself, "are you willing to assume the additional cost and risk, if the implant fails, as opposed to waiting for it to heal without any forces upon it that will put it at risk? Immediate load can work but it increases your risks. We are happy to



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offer complimentary implant consultations or comprehensive examination and x-ray visits for patients that want all of the options and costs outlined. You can see more examples of our dentistry as well as videos and information on our interest free financing at **WWW.WINTERDENTAL.COM**

**Please call our office at 414-464-9021 to schedule your visit. I look forward to meeting you.**

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