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TAD (Temporary Anchorage Devices)

PURPOSE

TADs are miniscrews that are placed in the gum tissue and bone. They are used when anchorage is needed to move isolated teeth in a specific direction with more accuracy. The location of the TAD placement is specific to each individual patient to achieve an ideal result.

EATING

Hard and sticky foods should be avoided.

CLEANING

It is very important to keep the site where the TAD is placed clean. Please brush the site lightly with your toothbrush to maintain the health of the surrounding tissue.

COMFORT

There should be minimal to no discomfort. If the tissue surrounding the TAD becomes inflamed it is recommended that you rinse with warm salt water 2-3 times a day until the swelling goes down. **(Use ¼ teaspoon of salt in ½ cup of warm water)**. If the tissue becomes swollen and irritated, please call the office so it can be examined.

BROKEN OR LOST APPLIANCE

If the TAD becomes loose, or comes out, call our office for an appointment.

