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Practice Limited to Periodontics, Including Dental Implants

Insurance News

Oftentimes, dental offices bill conventional crown codes (D2740, D2750 etc.) for crowns placed on implants. This often results in a denial because the insurance company has the tooth recorded as having been extracted.

This can be avoided by using the correct coding for implant crowns.

Crowns placed on implants can be billed in two ways:

1. Implant-supported crown: crown attached directly to the implant

Code D6065 (Porcelain/ceramic)
Code D6067 (Titanium/nobel)

These require only ONE code.

2. Abutment-supported crown: a separate device is used to connect the crown to the implant

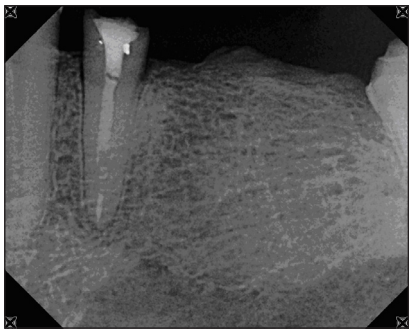
Code D6058 (Porcelain/ceramic)
Code D6059 (PFM)
Code D6062 (High nobel metal)

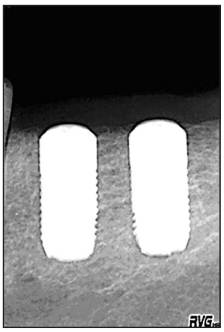
These require TWO codes. One from the above list and

Code D6056 (abutment)

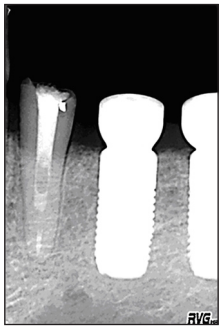
Implant Case of the Month

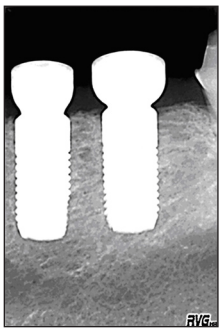
This patient presented with a fractured bridge from #20-18. With the limited tooth structure remaining on #20, another bridge couldn't be fabricated. Therefore, a new root canal and post was fabricated, conventional crown lengthening was done and two Astra Tech implants were placed.

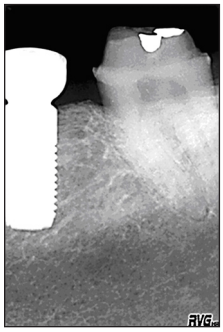




At the post-op healing appointment, there was no bone loss around the implants and the soft tissue was very healthy. **Astra Tech has new research that shows a mean average bone loss of only 0.3 mm over a 5 year period.**







The final restorations were completed on #20-18. With the health of the bone and soft tissue around the Astra Tech implants, we get an amazing result that we expect to be long lasting and trouble free.

**All of the cases presented represent my own work. Call with any questions or comments.*