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Oxnard Dentist Explains the Dental Implant Aftercare Gap

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Omni Dental Specialty, an Oxnard dental practice offering CT-guided dental implant placement, is addressing the follow-up care gap facing the estimated 9.6 million U.S. adults who have traveled abroad for dental care.

Dental tourism has grown steadily as patients look outside the United States for lower-cost implant treatment. A 2026 report from the CareQuest Institute for Oral Health estimated that about 4% of American adults, roughly 9.6 million people, have traveled abroad for dental care. Trade bodies including the American Dental Association have published cautions about uneven regulatory oversight in some destination markets. Practices across Ventura County, including those serving Oxnard, El Rio and Camarillo, are periodically asked to assess implants placed in another country after the original clinician is no longer reachable.

Kourosh Keihani, DDS, a University of Southern California School of Dentistry graduate and the cosmetic and general dentist at Omni Dental Specialty, frames the issue as one of continuity rather than cost.

"An implant is a staged treatment, not a single appointment," Keihani said. "Our approach focuses on planning, imaging and follow-up in one place, so patients always know who is accountable at every stage of

healing."

Implant treatment follows a sequence that cannot be compressed without consequence. A cone beam CT scan maps bone volume, nerve position and sinus anatomy before any surgery is planned. Bone grafting, when a site needs it, adds its own healing interval. After the titanium post is placed, osseointegration, the process by which bone fuses to the implant surface, generally unfolds over several months before an abutment and final restoration are attached. Every one of those stages carries a checkpoint, and every checkpoint is a chance to catch a problem while it is still small.

That sequencing is where distance becomes a clinical variable rather than a travel detail. Complications such as infection or implant failure are uncommon, but they do not appear on a fixed schedule; some surface months or even years after placement. Patients managing diabetes or a history of smoking need that monitoring more, not less.

For patients already treated overseas, documentation matters nearly as much as the implant. Records identifying the implant manufacturer, component sizes and surgical date allow a local dentist to match parts and plan a repair; without them, a routine adjustment can become a full rebuild. Cost pressure drives many of these decisions, and the practice accepts Denti-Cal, most PPO plans and HMO plans while reserving schedule space for same-day visits for new patients in pain.

Omni Dental Specialty handles diagnosis, surgical placement and final restoration at a single Oxnard location, with 3D cone beam CT imaging, computer-guided surgery, CAD/CAM restoration fabrication, Digital Smile Design and platelet-rich fibrin therapy on site. General dentistry and specialty care share the same building and the same chart, so imaging, surgical notes and restorative history stay together instead of scattering across providers. The practice holds a 4.8-star average across more than 700 patient reviews aggregated from Google, Yelp and Facebook.

"Cost matters and patients deserve honest numbers," Keihani said. "The question we want anyone weighing treatment abroad to ask is simple: who monitors the healing, and who repairs the work if something changes?"

Oxnard and Ventura County residents weighing tooth replacement can review the staged dental implant process, CT-guided placement protocols and no-pressure consultation scheduling with Kourosh Keihani, DDS, at <https://omnidentalspecialty.com/services/dental-implants/>.

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About Omni Dental Specialty

Omni Dental Specialty is a general and specialty dental practice in Oxnard, California, providing dental implants, periodontics, root canal therapy, Invisalign, cosmetic dentistry and emergency dentistry for patients across Ventura County. Care is led by Kourosh Keihani, DDS, a University of Southern California School of Dentistry graduate and member of the American Dental Association, the California Dental Association and the Los Angeles Dental Society. 1690 E Gonzales Rd, Oxnard, CA 93036. (805) 366-6000. <https://omnidentalspecialty.com/>

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