

# Argyle Associates Newsletter

Official Patient Newsletter

## Argyle's Most Common Surgical Procedure: Wisdom Teeth Removal



Wisdom teeth are the third molars from our human ancestors that for the vast majority of people don't quite fit into our modern-day jaws. Nearly 90% of adolescents and young adults will have one or more of their wisdom teeth removed. Each year, our surgeons at Argyle remove over 5,000 sets of wisdom teeth. Since Argyle opened its doors in 1976, it is estimated that Argyle has performed close to a quarter of a million wisdom teeth procedures! As a result, we are able to offer this service with a high level of efficiency and with minimal complications. No other clinic in the Ottawa region performs as many wisdom teeth removal procedures as Argyle.

Dentists throughout Eastern Ontario regularly refer their patients to Argyle Associates for wisdom teeth removal for a variety of reasons:

- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons are the most extensively trained type of dental surgeon, with specialized training in face, mouth and jaw surgery. This includes:
  - 4 years of dental school
  - 3 to 6 additional years of training in surgery, medicine and anaesthesia
  - Some Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons are also Medical Doctors and/or have additional post-residency subspecialty fellowship training
- Argyle is unique in that it offers the full range of possible anaesthesia options including local anesthetic alone, laughing gas (nitrous oxide), intravenous sedation and general anaesthesia to our patients to ensure the best possible surgical experience.
- The extensive surgical skill and experience, along with their broad knowledge of anaesthesia care of the Argyle surgeons, maximizes the likelihood of our patients having a safe, comfortable, and efficient procedure.
- Argyle's reputation for excellence and outstanding care. Indeed, Argyle's vision is to deliver the highest standard of care in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

In many cases, this procedure is partially or fully covered under a patient's dental insurance. At the time of the consultation, an estimate will be provided and submitted to your insurance carrier for a predetermination to let you know the amount of your coverage.

To learn more about wisdom teeth removal and to read about our patients' experience having their wisdom teeth removed, we encourage you to visit our website at [www.argyleassociates.com](http://www.argyleassociates.com).

## Q & A



Since the surgeons at Argyle are specialists, do I need a referral from a dentist or a medical doctor to schedule a consultation?

No. Although many of our patients are referred from dentists and other health care practitioners, Argyle is always pleased to schedule consults with non-referred patients for wisdom teeth removal or implants.

My dentist doesn't refer to specialists. Should I ask about a referral to Argyle?

Many dentists refer their patients to Argyle. However, if your dentist doesn't refer to specialists, we encourage you to do your own homework, to ask questions, speak to others, and examine on-line patient reviews before deciding on where you would like to have your surgical procedures performed. Get all the facts and make an informed decision.

Is it more expensive to have a procedure at Argyle than with a general dentist?

Many Argyle patients are surprised to discover that the fees at Argyle are the same as, or even in some cases, lower than what they were quoted by their general dentist.

## Feedback from our Patients

We are always asking for feedback from our patients to ensure that we are meeting our core values of providing outstanding patient care and achieving excellence in everything that we do. Feedback is very important to us because it allows us to review our systems and processes and to find ways to constantly find areas for improvement.

Here is the feedback that we have received:

- Rate MD ranks Argyle Associates as the **number one** medical clinic out of 4,039 medical/dental clinics in Ottawa.
- The **top 6 oral surgeons** in Ottawa according to Rate MD are all from Argyle.
- All of the Argyle four locations have a ranking of **4.7 out of 5 or higher** in Google Reviews.



Nothing is more important at Argyle than knowing our patients are having a positive surgical experience and are recommending Argyle to others. Thank you to our many patients who have taken the time to share their feedback with us. You can read all of the patient Rate MD reviews on our website.

## Growing Popularity of Implants, the Gold Standard for Replacing Missing Teeth

### Who Needs Implants?

Did you know that 69% of adults aged 35-44 have lost at least one tooth and that 26% of adults have lost all of their permanent teeth by age 74?

### Why Implants?

More and more patients are moving away from dental bridges and dentures and choosing dental implants. Dental implants are one of the best treatment options for replacing missing teeth.

Implants are becoming more and more popular every year as they look and function just like the real thing.

## Implants:

- Do not require artificial plastic to cover the roof of the mouth
- Do not require adhesives or denture creams
- Can minimize ongoing bone loss in the jaws
- Unlike dental bridges which require adjacent teeth to be filed down, do not impact the health of neighbouring teeth

### How is Technology Improving Implants?

Argyle has been using digital technology for over a decade, including the use of Cone-Beam Computed Tomography System (CBCT) and digital intra oral scanners, in order to utilize computer mapping and digital imagery to achieve the highest standards of safety and optimal patient outcomes.



### Are Implants Covered by Insurance?

In recent years, insurance companies have started to offer a growing amount of reimbursement for dental implants. One of our treatment coordinators will facilitate communications between you, your dental office, Argyle and your insurance company to ensure that you are getting the maximum amount of coverage available to you.

As well, the cost of dental implants is a medical expense that may be deductible for income tax purposes.

Speak to your dentist or call Argyle to schedule a consultation to learn more about the many benefits of dental implants.