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## PATIENT INFORMATION: Caring for Healing Caps

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Your dental implant now has a little metal hat screwed onto it, called a 'healing cap'. This will be removed when the dentist needs to access the implant, for example when taking impressions or fitting your crown.

The healing cap **MUST BE KEPT VERY CLEAN**. This is best achieved by brushing it twice a day with an interspace tooth brush. We recommend putting a little chlorhexadine gel on the brush such as Corsodyl gel or Curasept gel.

Sometimes the healing cap can come loose. If this happens then arrange to come and see us so that we can tighten it for you. This is not an emergency and as long as you keep the site clean nothing bad will happen to the implant. If the cap comes off completely the gum may grow over the implant top and we may need to numb you a little to replace the cap.

Photograph of a healing cap in place:

