

Information for the Patient:

TEMPORARY ANCHORAGE DEVICES (TADs)

TADs are mini screws that are inserted in the maxilla or the mandible and they serve as support to the movement of the teeth to be corrected during orthodontic treatment.

For effective dental movement, it is necessary to have a point of support, and occasionally the rest of the teeth do not offer sufficient resistance. TADs are made of completely biocompatible material such as titanium, which is used for dental prosthesis or in other medical sciences such as traumatology.

The procedure of insertion is very fast and painless, and is carried out with local anesthesia. However, in most cases, it can be done without anesthesia. Smokers or mouth breathers are more prone to infection or inflammation. It is very important to maintain good oral hygiene and to also use antiseptic mouthwash after eating.

If the visible part of TADs provokes discomfort in the lips, cheeks or tongue, it can be covered with wax or dental silicon. If you notice inflammation around the micro implant or any mobility, please contact our office.