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# Welcome to our Newsletter

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## Feedback

We welcome and appreciate your feedback. If you have any comments or suggestions please email us at [paul@cbddental.com.au](mailto:paul@cbddental.com.au)



## Congratulations to...

Dr Jacob Smith for completing his Post Graduate Diploma of Dental Implantology from Charles Sturt University.

In order to be awarded his Grad Dip, Dr Smith completed 18 months of course work and completed multiple cases of various complexity that were submitted as case presentations to be assessed by specialist in the field.

During the course Dr Smith managed to achieve a Distinction Average.

## Health Funds

You may have noticed your health fund rebate has become less generous than in the past!

The ADA conducted a study last year and concluded the "Ancillary" part (teeth eyes ears physio etc.) was not a good investment (you can't get your premium money back) and have advised patients become their own insurers. That is, whatever your premium is, put it in a special bank account and use it to pay direct. The hospital cover is still OK (because most patients never use it!).

It is an interesting exercise to go through your last year's accounts and see if you got your money back.

You will also notice our fees have not increased, and in some cases decreased, yet the refund is less.

Common sense says you can't get your money back, as the fund needs to pay expenses and dividends?

The "ancillary" part of the premium is NOT "insurance"; it is partial pre-payment with an annual limit on rebates.

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## Dental Implants

Dental implants can be used as a replacement for a missing tooth or teeth. They are similar in shape to that of the roots of a natural tooth and are made from commercially pure titanium or a titanium alloy. The root form implant is placed within bone and the bone fuses to the implant over a period of about 6-12 weeks. This process is known as osseointegration and is responsible for the ability of the implant to mimic the function of a natural tooth in a predictable way. The way that the bone fuses with the implant is however different than how a tooth is held in place by the bone and hence the implants may feel a slightly different than a natural tooth during function.

Loose and discoloured baby tooth shown with arrow



Tooth extracted and implant placed at the same appointment. Healing abutment shown was left for 3 months to heal.



Final Prosthesis inserted. Total treatment time 4 months.



## Fillings

**Do you have old amalgam fillings that are need to be replaced or are unaesthetic?**

The below fillings were performed with a direct tooth coloured filling material.

Please speak with one of our dentists to see if there is a cosmetic option suitable for you.



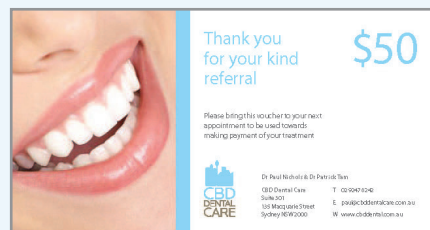
## Comprehensive Dental Assessment Offer - \$200

We welcome and appreciate referral of your family and friends to our practice. Whenever you refer someone to our practice you will receive a \$50 service voucher that can be used towards your next dental treatment.

As an added bonus the person that you refer to us will be able to take advantage of our new patient offer of a comprehensive dental assessment for \$200 (normally valued at \$530).

This comprehensive assessment includes:

- Full comprehensive examination
- Professional clean and polish
- Check up x-rays (if required)
- Fluoride treatment
- A guided tour of your mouth using digital imaging.



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## Keep Track... Get Back!

**Make sure you use your private health insurance dental benefits before they expire**

We wanted to remind you that your private health insurance dental benefits are well underway for 2011.

Any unused benefits from this year will expire and will not be carried over by your private health insurance provider at the end of the year.

Do you have any dental work you have not yet completed? Please do not wait for the pain to tell you it's time to visit the dentist! Utilising your benefits will help you stay as healthy as possible and save you money in the long run. We want you to look and feel your best!

Do not lose any existing 2011 benefits that you are still able to utilise.



## What should I do?... 3 easy steps!

### 1 Call

Call our office on (02) 9247 8242 and book an appointment.

### 2 Come

Come in to our practice for your appointment.

### 3 Bring

Don't forget to bring your Health Fund Members' card with you, so we can electronically process your dental rebate.