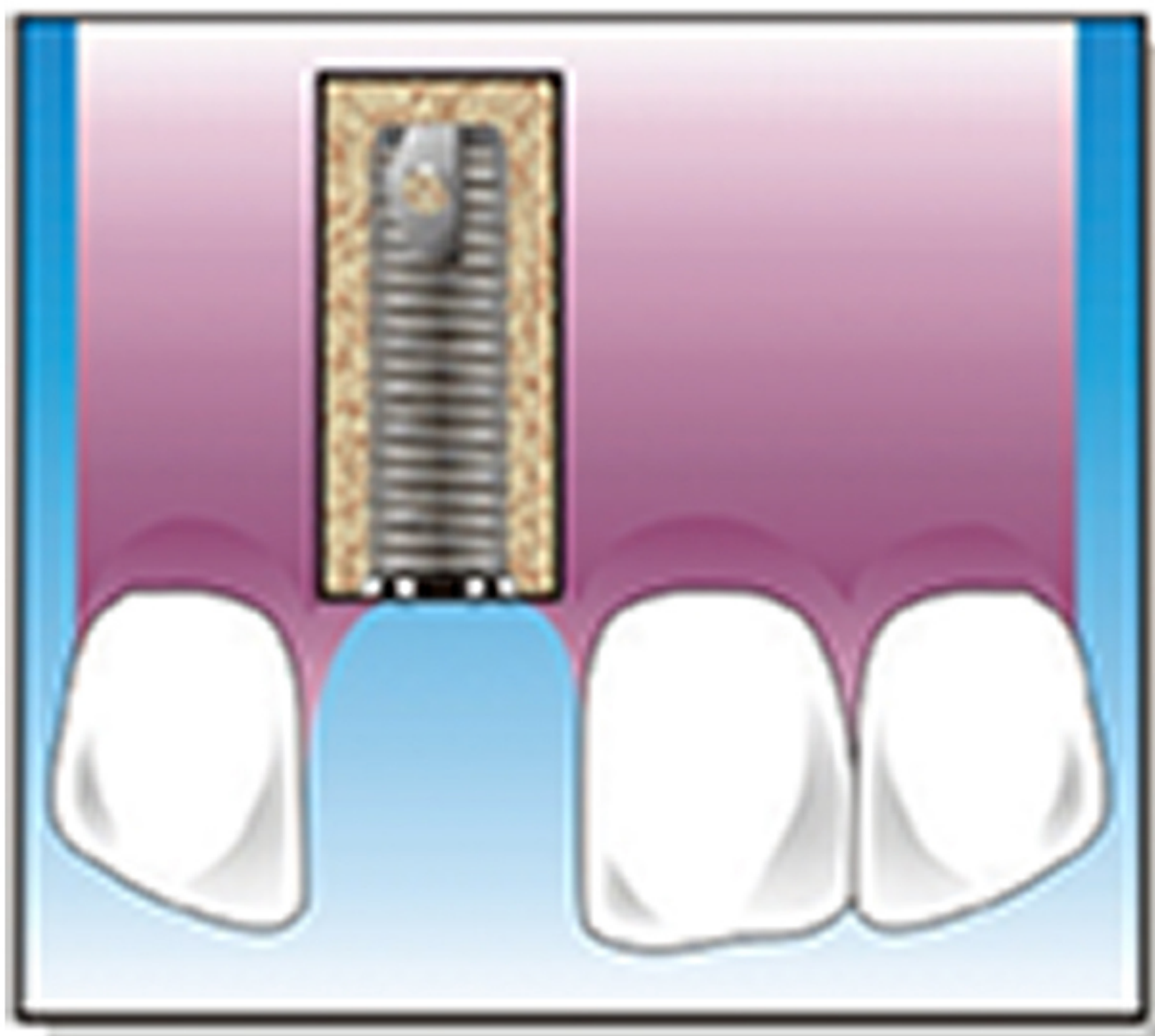
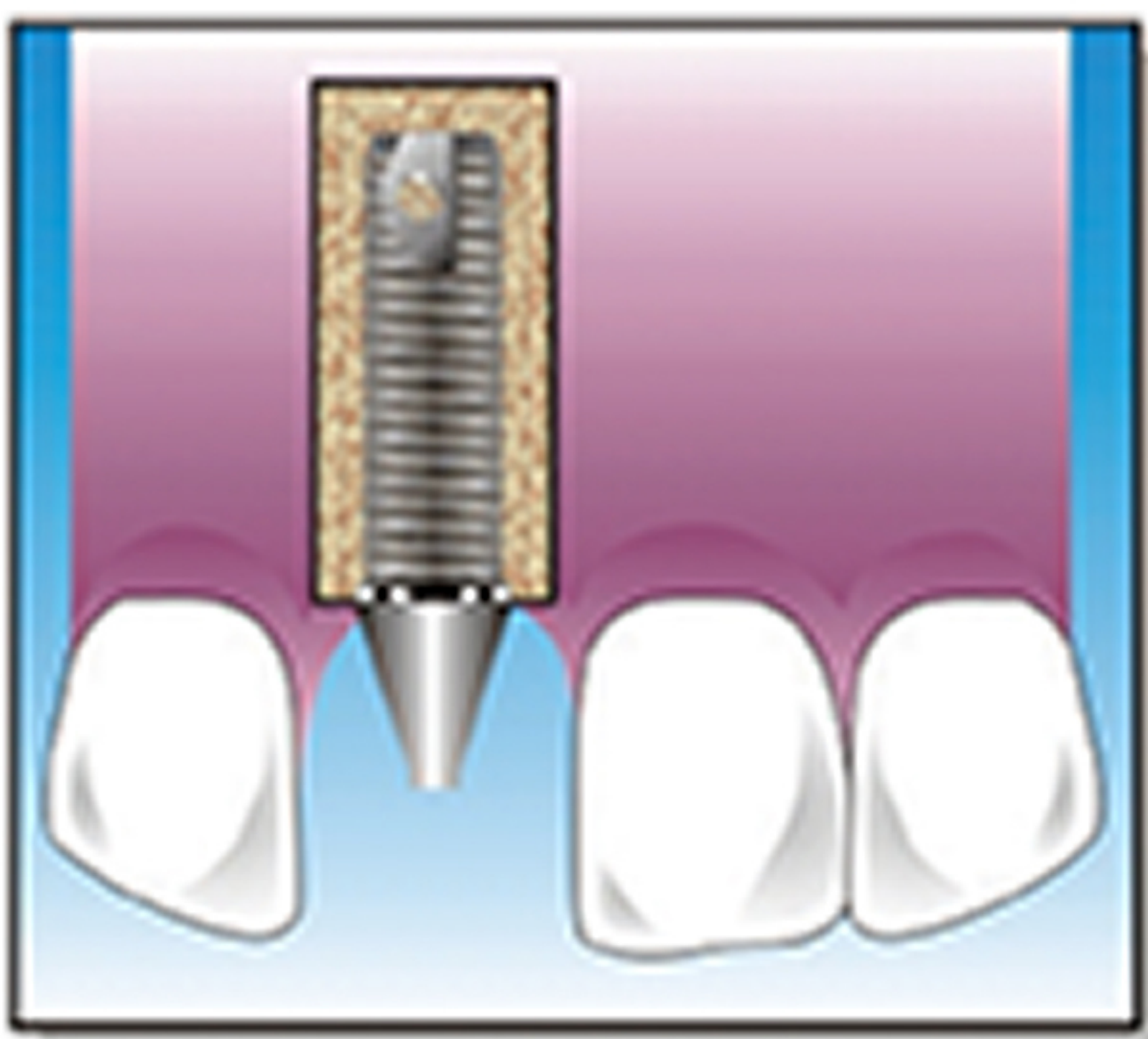




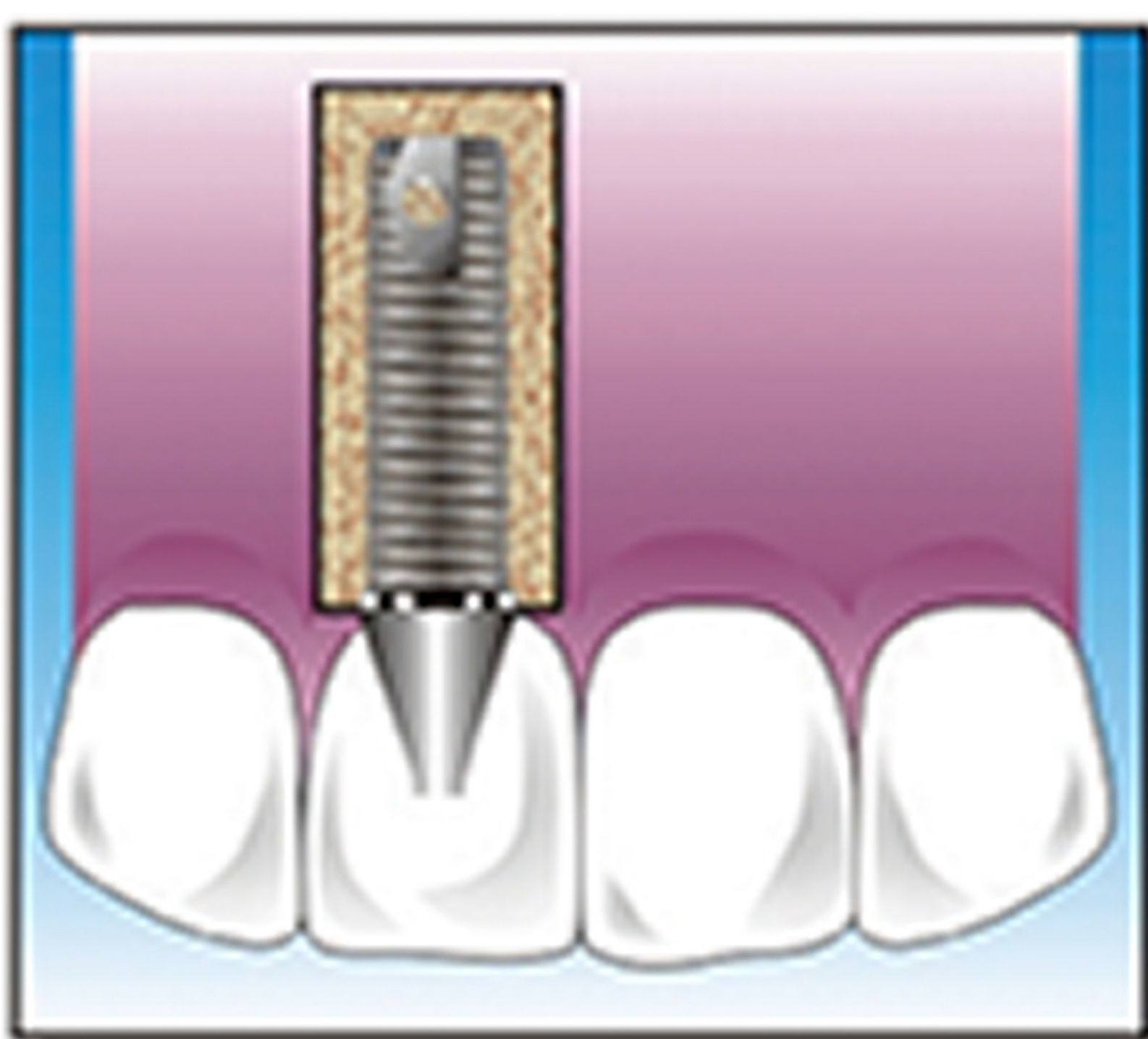
# Implant Placement – Anterior Teeth



A small incision is made in the gums and the tissue pushed back for access to the dental ridge. Precise small drills are then used to prepare the space for the implant. The implant is then placed in the prepared site. A small screw is placed in the top of the implant to cover the hole that eventually will accept the post on which the crown will be placed. The gum is usually sewn over the top of the implant. The implant is allowed to heal for a specified period of time; in the lower jaw this is usually up to three months, up to six months in the upper jaw.



A second minor procedure is done to uncover the implant and place the healing abutment, a post that protrudes through the gum tissue to allow the opening in the gum to heal.



The final abutment and crown are fabricated by your restorative dentist. A customized abutment and tooth are made to fit your particular situation. A separate fee is charged by your dentist for this aspect of your treatment.