

I am in no way a professional writer and have never done this before. I was just so taken by my experience with Dr. Simon Kappel that when I felt I had to share it.

We all know, that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. However, for me if someone has proof of whatever it is, I believe it. Although my experience with Dr. Kappel is one that most people have never experienced and will find the experience very surreal, it is all true!

Have you ever had a tooth that was hanging out and after you begged your dentist for an emergency appointment you were told that you had to go to a specialist like an oral surgeon for that? For whatever reason, the dentist you are familiar with and have been using forever, is never able to help you when you're in a crisis like having a tooth hanging. You're told you need to go to oral surgeon, or a specialist and you know that it's going to be a long time till you get an appointment (with the exception if they allow you to come as an emergency). But in my experience, I was always told that they're booked and they are very sorry but can only offer me an appointment in 2 weeks or something like that, even though it's a tooth that's hanging and needs to be extracted. Sometimes they offer an emergency appointment but they never do the extraction at that appointment, which defeats the purpose of the emergency appointment. It's like they know how to "book" an emergency appointment but they don't know how to take care of the "emergency part" of the emergency appointment.

I was referred to one of the top oral surgeons in the region. I first had to wait a long time for an appointment. Then you come in and you wait 2 hours to be seen. Finally, I'm in the dentist chair. So the specialist takes a look and tells me that I'm right! The tooth needs to come out!
"So, let's schedule you for an appointment to get that done".

I look at him bewildered. I came here to have my tooth pulled! I didn't wait all this time, and go through all this pain for you to tell me that the tooth hanging out needs to be extracted!! I knew that without you! And I'm here now! Let's pull it now! I can't eat!

"I understand. but that's not how the procedure works. First, we need to look at it. Then send out to insurance for approval. Then if approved, you come back, and

we extract the tooth. (so, we get paid for another visit). Then you need to come back 6 months later & we START prepping you for the implant”.

“6 months??! but if you extract the tooth, I will have a big empty space! Why do I have to wait 6 months? Why can’t you pull the tooth out now and put something there so I don’t go toothless for 6 months!”

“It just doesn’t work that way. When you come back we will gladly extract your tooth, then wait for a few months while it heals.

It was mindboggling. How was I supposed to function without that tooth out? It hurts when I eat. And you can’t pull it out yourself, because although it is hanging, it’s too tight in the root for you to pull it, but loose enough to agitate the *kishkis* out of you, and make you miserable.

So, the Oral surgeon went on to numb me and begin the extraction. He said that he numbed me more than usual but still, I felt the actual pull. I felt him pulling and pulling harder and harder and I was screaming in pain and saying “Stop!” he kept saying “just a little bit more just a little longer” I’m telling you dear reader, the pain was unbearable. I have no idea how people in the olden days did this. Vodka today and tomorrow this pain was something else. Can you imagine feeling your tooth being pulled out of its solid root?!! They could tell me to breath in and out all day long, the pain was unbearable.

Eventually he yanked it out. He pulled with all his weight and might, like actually pulling back with his body weight!

Then a short while later a front tooth needed to be extracted as it was hanging loose, but this time it was a front tooth. Now that’s something I simply cannot afford to leave empty for 6 months!

To make matters worse it was a Sunday on a holiday weekend! The chances of me getting this tooth out AND REPLACED were almost zero.

I asked around and I was told that there is a new periodontist that just recently opened a practice in Lakewood and is amazing. Si although being a Holiday weekend I called...and there was no answer.

I left a message asking if he can pull out a tooth and replace it somehow sane day (and not go through the 6 month process. To his credit the Periodontist himself called me back a few hours later and left me a message that he does do those procedures in an hour and I should call to make an appointment. But in the meantime, before he called back, I remembered an ad I saw in the Voice about a dentist whose can do laser in one hour or something like that. I went through the voice and I found that ad. I called the number, and someone picked up! Again, it was a Sunday and a legal holiday.

I explained that I have this tooth that needs to be extracted fast but when it's going to be extracted there will be an open space in the front of my mouth and I'm mortified!

The secretary told me not to worry and although it's a Sunday and they are booked, for such a case I should come in right away and I will leave with a tooth in place of the old one!!!. It sounded too good to be true but I was going to find out.

I hate big talkers. I can't stand liars and I especially can't take when people advertiser something they cannot do or say one thing and really do the other.

I figured that either they dint understand full y what I needed...which was tooth - OUT – and then – NEW TOOTH IN! this is a procedure that the oral surgeon I've been going to all my life explained that it takes SIX months! But hey, at this point I had nothing to lose.

So, I drive in to Boro Park. And I mean the heart of Boro Park, a few blocks from where my Boby and Zeidy lived for 50 years and walked into the office. The office was ultra modern and clean.

So first I get this beautiful welcome from the dentist himself! I felt like I was meeting a celebrity (I really was) the same guy who was in the pictures every week! HIM with that classic smile! He cracked a few jokes but then in such a reassuring comforting tone calmed me down and explained that he will take care of me and all will be fine.

I was bewildered.

1. Even if I happened to stumble on such a miracle worker, these higher-level dentists take a long long time to get into.
2. they don't TALK to YOU. They're assistants do.
3. From experience when I booked an appointment at an oral surgeon or specialist, usually it's an assistant or other doctor NOT the main doctor that sees me. For the main guy you got to wait a year, know what I mean? So, is this fellow greeting me THEE dentist himself?

So obviously this fellow who

1. just said hello to me,
2. smiled at me from ear to ear
3. looked at my mouth in the waiting room
4. Then reassured me and calmed me down as a father to son

Was NOT the big gun, doing the procedure but rather an assistant.

But I was wrong.

It WAS HIM!

So now I was going to see if it really only took an hour to extract a tooth, and put in a replacement.

By Dr. Simon Kappel he used a tool that is not used much if at all in USA but is used in Europe. Dr Kappel pulled out the side front tooth so smoothly, it was amazing. It came cleanly, painlessly and in one piece! For me the numbing part, where they have to give shots in the gums is always the most painful and that's something that can't be helped but Dr. Kappel does it in a way that reduces the pain significantly. I didn't feel the pulling or the yanking. He didn't pull in it with all his might and weight, He just amazingly lightly using a special maneuver and special tool not used much in the US pulled out a stubborn tooth cleanly.

Then he took x-rays etc....made sure all was clean and ready and in one hour as promised I walked out with a new implanted tooth in my mouth that looked just like the rest of my teeth. You couldn't tell a thing!

Obviously, I was shocked. This guy was able to do something that practically no one in the US can do! I heard that wealthy people go to Europe to have a bunch of

teeth replaced quickly by dentists there that use this technique, but obviously that's not something most can do.

1. Most can't afford that
2. What happens if after the procedure is done in Europe and then a problem arises? Now what? They're stuck! But here, we have Dr. Kappel in our backyard!

I left that office very happy and grateful to say the least. They even helped me secure financing for the job, interest free!

A short while later I had to go to a periodontist for specific periodontal treatment. I booked an appointment by a Periodontist in my area, that came highly recommended. The reviews from everyone I spoke to including other dentists were amazing. They were right. Immediately one was able to tell that this guy knows what he's doing and that he comes with a lot more experience and skill than anyone our area has ever come across. But also, so humble and sweet. I'm not writing about him now so I won't dwell but my point is, this was no amateur and neither was he a guy that is stuck in his way. This was a man that was at the top of his profession with the latest digital equipment and constantly improving.

We got to talking when it was my turn and I told him about this one tooth that isn't not real and that it's an implant. I told him that "this dentist in Brooklyn" extracted a tooth and put this tooth he's looking at, in its place and in one hour.

He looked at the tooth and looked at me. "Are you sure he asked?" I reassured him that I am sure.

"You mean he does a root-canal in an hour...yes...of course...."

"No no ...he implanted a tooth! A TOOTH in ONE hour!" I replied.

"Yes, we can do root-canals in an hour" ...he replied.

So, I repeated..."that it wasn't a root canal it was an extraction and the implanting of a tooth. He extracted a tooth (in a non-painful way), cleaned whatever bone was left and did whatever else dentist do and then implanted a tooth looking beautiful in an hour!"

He just turned around from whatever he was preparing and gave me this look...like I literally just came from mars and as if to say “ok...you just don’t understand anything so you think he did all that in 1 hour, try 1 month in 6 visits!”

So if your tooth is hanging out and you don’t have nowhere to go call the office of Dr. Kappel for wonderful reception.