

Are Dental Implants for you?

Have you lost one or more teeth? Are you unhappy with (or cannot tolerate) dentures or other options? Do you want to preserve your remaining natural teeth (i.e., not prepare them to retain a bridge)? Are you afraid to laugh, eat and smile in front of other people?

Most people who have lost teeth can have successful implants! The ideal candidate must be in good health, have healthy gums and sufficient underlying bone. Age is not a drawback. Implants have been successful on many children as well as senior patients.

If you suffer from chronic problems (such as clenching and bruxism) or systematic diseases (such as diabetes), the success rate for implants decreases dramatically. Additionally, people who smoke or drink alcohol may not be good candidates.

A person considering implants must be highly motivated regarding aftercare. Long-term success depends on meticulous dental hygiene and good care of the oral area including brushing, flossing and regular dental check-ups.

Implants. Ask About Them

The decision to enhance your smile is a very personal one. Ask your dental professionals if implants are right for you. They will be happy to discuss all the options you have available to return your smile and bite to their natural state. Together, you can make the best decision for your long-term dental health, considering your unique set of circumstances.



Dental Implant Q&A

Q. *What is a dental implant?*

A. A dental implant is an artificial tooth root (made of synthetic material) that is surgically anchored in your jaw to hold a replacement tooth, bridge or denture in place. Implants are made from different types of metallic and bone-like ceramic materials that are compatible with body tissue.

Q. *How long does the process take?*

A. Two to twelve months to complete but each patient heals differently so times will vary. Your dentist will be better able to advise you about the projected timeline and healing process.

Q. *How long will a dental implant last?*

A. This depends not only on the skill and the area in which they were placed but also on the care that you give them afterwards. With modern techniques and improved materials, the majority of implants last 10 years or more.

Q. *Will implants reduce jawbone loss?*

A. Yes, implants may reduce jawbone loss in edentulous (i.e., those missing all teeth in one or both jaws) patients.

Q. *What is the cost of implants?*

A. Since implants involve surgery and are more involved, they cost more than traditional dental options. However, some dental procedures and portions of the restoration may be covered by dental and medical insurance policies. Your dentist can help you with this process.

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DENTAL IMPLANTS

Restoring Your Strong, Confident Smile!



Replacing lost teeth?

Dental Implants may be the answer!



Loosing teeth can have a major impact on your quality of life: affecting your smile, your chewing ability, hampering speech and allowing any remaining teeth to shift. You could fill those gaps with uncomfortable, unsteady dentures or with bridgework that often requires cutting down adjoining healthy teeth to act as abutments. Now there's another possibility.

Dental Implants - A Reliable, Long-term Foundation

A dental implant is a special metal anchor that is surgically placed into the jawbone under the gum line. In a few months, when they are attached to the surrounding bone, they are exposed and used to give firm support to dentures, crowns and bridges – looking and feeling just like your natural teeth.

Look Good, Feel Great!

With dental implants, there's no need to worry about loose full or partial dentures or having to remove any remaining healthy tooth structure. Your new teeth will stay securely in place and they won't rely on any neighboring teeth for support. You'll experience tremendous improvements in your ability to smile, laugh, talk and chew. Your self-confidence will soar. And perhaps best of all, you'll feel better about yourself knowing the natural beauty of your smile is shining through.

Implant-Based Restorative Options

Single Tooth Replacement



Single implant placed in same space as missing tooth.



After healing period, Crown is placed on implant "root".



Final result. A beautiful new smile!

Bridge Retained By Implants



Implants placed to retain dental bridge, without harming your remaining healthy teeth.



After healing period, new bridge placed on implant "roots", replacing three missing teeth.



The final result – new teeth that look great and stay firmly in place.

Overdenture Secured By Implants



Two implants with "attachments" placed to retain denture.



Denture easily inserted over attachments for firm support and full chewing ability, without using denture adhesives.

