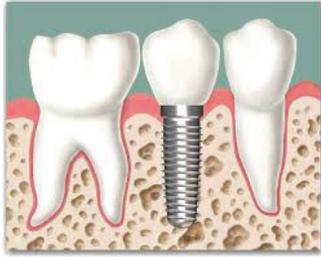


Introduction

Millions of people have chosen dental implants because they are the safest and most reliable solution to replacing missing teeth.

What is a Dental Implant

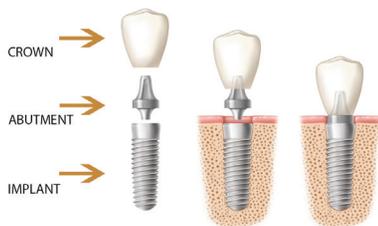
A dental implant is a tooth replacement that looks, feels and acts just like your natural teeth.



Your dental implant will be as sturdy as a healthy tooth and normally lasts more than 20 years. It will never get cavities or need a root canal. Gum disease can develop around one so it should be checked on a yearly basis by us or your general dentist.

The Three Parts of a Dental Implant

- 1. Implant Root** - Your dental implant starts with a precisely fitted titanium root that is carefully inserted into your jawbone to give you the best look and performance.
- 2. Crown Abutment** - Once healing is complete, a crown abutment will be fitted onto your implant by either us or your general dentist.
- 3. Implant Crown** - Then your general dentist will place a crown that will match the look, feel and function of your natural teeth.



A Unique Partnership

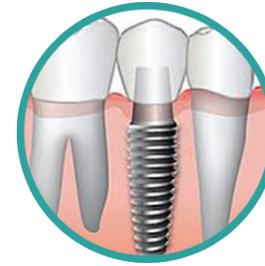
Your implant is the result of close coordination between us and your general dentist. Both doctors plan your implant with the goal of achieving the best possible dental implant for you.

The 5 Steps of Implant Treatment

- 1. Qualification and Case Planning** - We will take the necessary diagnostic scans to determine if the area is suitable for a dental implant and then plan your implant in coordination with your general dentist.
- 2. Implant Root Placement** - We will then gently prepare the implant site and insert your Implant Root. Bone grafting may be needed to give additional support for your implant. This procedure takes about 90 minutes and is performed under I.V. conscious sedation. Patients are often surprised how comfortable the procedure is.
- 3. Implant Integration & A Temporary Crown** - The usual period for an implant to completely attach to the surrounding bone is 3-6 months. If needed, a temporary crown can be provided for this integration period.

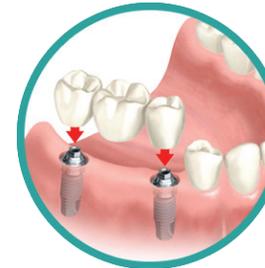
- 4. Uncovering** - At the end of the integration period, your implant will be uncovered by us and prepared to receive the crown abutment and implant crown.
- 5. Crown Abutment & Implant Crown** - Your general dentist will take an impression to make your implant crown. He or she will then precisely fit this abutment and crown onto your implant root, ensuring the final result has the look, feel and functionality of your natural teeth.

Types of Implants



Replacing a Single Tooth

A single implant replaces a tooth without having to cut down your adjacent teeth (like you would have to do if you were getting a bridge).



Replacing Several Teeth

Implants can be used to replace a number of teeth. This firmly anchors your restoration and preserves your jaw bone in the area, preventing bone loss.



Replacing a Full Arch

A full upper or lower denture can be anchored with implants so that it becomes fixed. This allows you to eat the foods you like and smile again with confidence.

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I a good candidate for dental implants?

With our advanced training and newer bone grafting materials, almost all of our patients qualify to receive dental implants.

How successful are dental implants?

Implants are one of the most successful restorations in dentistry. The average success rate is 95-98%. We have placed over 1,000 dental implants with a success rate of 98%.

How long do implants last?

Because we use the highest quality dental implant materials, your new implant(s) should last more than 20 years and likely your lifetime.

How long is the procedure?

This procedure time to place one implant is about 90 minutes.

How painful is the procedure?

There are no nerves in the jaw bone so the procedure can usually be done under local anesthetic. However, we have other sedation options available, if you prefer.

How will I feel after the procedure?

You may have minor discomfort for a day or two. We will prescribe an over-the-counter pain reliever in case it is needed.

How long before the final tooth is placed?

After your implant root is placed, it must integrate with the surrounding bone. In some cases, a crown can be placed immediately, but it usually takes 3-6 months. We will provide you with the most successful option.

Can I get a temporary tooth?

Yes, a temporary tooth can be made and placed in the area to preserve appearance and function during your healing period.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I maintain my implant?

Once your implant is complete, it can be brushed and flossed like your natural teeth. You will need to have it checked routinely by your general dentist. Please see us if there is any gum irritation or sensitivity in the area.

How much do dental implants cost?

The cost depends on the procedures you will need. Considering that dental implants can last a lifetime and eliminate the need for later replacement work, the cost is quite comparable.

Will insurance cover my implant?

More and more insurances are providing some benefits for dental implants. Our office will help you get your maximum allowable benefit.

Can I wait?

One of the main benefits of dental implants is that they prevent bone loss in the area. Like a muscle which tends to shrink when not used, the jawbone can shrink if not stimulated by an implant. The longer you wait, the more expensive implant treatment can become.

Looking Forward To Seeing You

Please give us a call if you have any questions or concerns. We will be happy to answer them.

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