WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR DENTAL IMPLANTS?

Dental implants can be placed in most adults who are in good to moderate health. They are not typically placed in adolescents until they have reached their full expected physical maturity. Certain uncontrolled medical conditions may decrease the effectiveness of implant treatment, so be sure to discuss your full medical history with your doctor before beginning treatment.

Every patient is different and patient results may vary. Only a trained clinician can determine the best treatment plan for you. Please ask your doctor to explain the benefits and risks to see if tooth replacement with implants is right for you.

TODAY'S DENTAL IMPLANTS

Modern dental implants are precision devices, available in several different designs to address your specific needs. The most common type is a titanium screw that is anchored into the jawbone where it serves as a post for a custom-made tooth crown. Once the crown is in place, you may not be able to tell it apart from your natural teeth. A brief comparison of natural teeth vs. dental implants is below:

NATURAL TEETH

Enamel
Dentin
Pulp
Gum tissue
Periodontal ligament

IMPLANT

Custom-made crown Abutment Implant Bone

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TYPES OF TREATMENTS

A tooth restoration is any artificial substance or structure that replaces missing teeth or part of a tooth in order to protect the mouths ability to eat, chew, and speak. Restorations include:



PARTIAL DENTURES

A partial denture is similar to a bridge in that it fills a gap left by missing teeth with artificial teeth on a metal frame. A partial denture is removable. However, it attaches to a crown on the abutment tooth with a metal clasp or precision attachment. A partial denture is primarily used at the end of a row of natural teeth, where there is only one abutment tooth. The pressure exerted by chewing is shared by this abutment and the soft tissues of the gum ridge beneath the appliance.



COMPLETE DENTURES

Complete dentures may be worn when all of the top or bottom teeth have been lost. A complete denture consists of artificial teeth mounted in a plastic base molded to fit the remaining oral anatomy. It may or may not be held in place with a denture adhesive.



DENTAL IMPLANTS

Dental implants are a means of securing crowns, bridges, and dentures in the mouth. A hard plastic or metal fixture is implanted through the soft tissue into the bone. Over time, the bone grows around this fixture, firmly anchoring it. The exposed end of this fixture is covered with a crown and may serve as a stable abutment for a bridge or denture.



REMOVABLE FULL DENTURE



IMPLANT SUPPORTED OVERDENTURE



IMPLANT SUPPORTED BRIDGE

BENEFITS OF IMPLANT SUPPORTED BRIDGES OR OVERDENTURES:

A well-made restoration should feel comfortable and last a relatively long time with proper care. Artificial dental restorations only approximate the original tooth, however, a complete denture will never feel as comfortable or work as well as natural teeth. It is better, therefore, to prevent the need for restorative dental work than to replace teeth. Restorations are expensive, may require many appointments, and still need careful cleaning and attention. The benefits include:

- MAINTAINS INTEGRITY OF THE FACIAL STRUCTURE AND PRESERVES REMAINING BONE
- INCREASES COMFORT AND STABILITY
- RESTORES NATURAL BITING AND CHEWING CAPACITY AND DIGESTION
- IMPROVES FACIAL APPEARANCE AND RESTORES LOST LIP SUPPORT AS WELL AS MINIMIZES WRINKLES AROUND THE MOUTH
- **ELIMINATES NEED FOR ADHESIVES**

