

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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Your Patient Guide



DID YOU KNOW?

Titanium dental implants have been placed extensively since the 1970's. Dental implants have the highest success rate of any implanted surgical device.



**IMPRESSIONS
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TYPES OF TREATMENTS

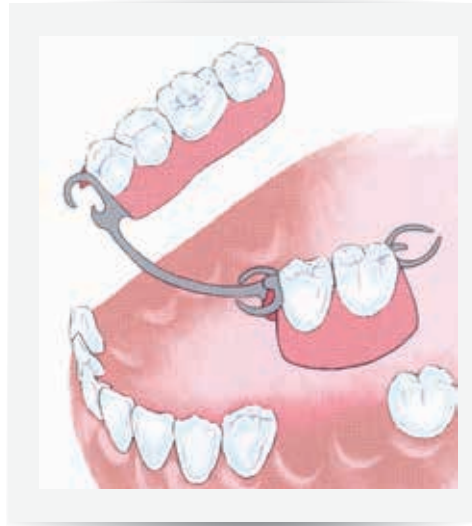
A tooth restoration is any artificial substance or structure that replaces missing teeth or part of a tooth in order to protect the mouth's ability to eat, chew, and speak.

REMOVABLE PARTIAL DENTURES

The implants are positioned just below the gum tissue and given time to fuse with the bone. Temporary abutments may be placed on the implants until the healing phase is complete. Your existing denture can be modified so that it may be worn without disturbing the implants during the healing process. You will be fitted for a custom-made bar that attaches to the implants to support a new denture. Your existing denture may be modified to be worn during this period. The new denture will have attachments which snap or clip it into place. Your new teeth are firmly supported by the jaw, stimulating it and halting bone loss. You will be able to remove the denture easily for cleaning.

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REMOVABLE PARTIAL DENTURE



IMPLANT SUPPORTED BRIDGE

It's absolutely amazing the increase in the quality of life that I am living. - plus I have my old smile back. People really notice!

Christina W., 53

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

BEFORE



AFTER

