For Your Information...

Dental Implants

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Dental implants often represent the best option for patients who are missing one or more teeth. Implants feel and act like natural teeth. Patients can chew and smile with confidence again without worrying about dentures slipping or unsightly gaps.

A dental implant is an artificial tooth root surgically placed in the mouth to replace one or more missing teeth. The implant has three components:

- **Titanium anchor (implant)** – inserted in the jawbone
- **Abutment** – protruding post
- **Crown** – artificial tooth placed on the abutment

Benefits of Implants

Implants have many advantages over dentures and other traditional treatments for missing teeth. Unlike dentures, implants do not slip, move, or irritate gum tissue. Patients enjoy a better quality of life with implants because they:

- Look, feel and function like natural teeth
- Become a permanent part of the mouth
- Have a secure and stable fit
- Restore up to 90% of chewing power lost with missing teeth
- Instill greater confidence when speaking and chewing
- Minimize jawbone erosion from missing teeth

Implant treatment is highly successful. If you are missing teeth, wear dentures or have older dental work such as bridges, it may be time to think about dental implants. They can change your life!