

All About Dental Implants

Are implants the right decision for me?

Implants are made of titanium, a biocompatible material. They are used to replace one or more teeth, and can be a more attractive option for most people. Some benefits to implants include:

1. They are integrated into bone and act like a tooth root to support new teeth
2. They do not decay or have the same gum disease risk as natural teeth
3. Implants look, feel and act like natural teeth unlike other options

Are implants or bridges a better choice?

A missing tooth would historically be replaced by a bridge. A bridge requires the neighboring teeth of the space to have the majority of external tooth structure removed. With an implant, you only need a crown made on top of the implant itself to restore it, and leave the neighboring teeth undisturbed and completely intact.

Can implants be used to restore multiple teeth?

Implants can also be used to multiple teeth, a full set of fixed or removable teeth or even a complete denture. If you experience tooth loss, the bony ridges in your mouth start to decrease and be lost as well. Implants are placed and preserve bone from shrinking leaving you many future options for tooth replacement not available otherwise.

Are implants expensive?

To replace a single tooth an implant is usually less expensive than any alternative in our office. The cost of implant care increases with the complexity of the case, the history of tooth loss and the position of the implant in the mouth.

How long do implants last?

Research has shown that implants are 98% successful: a higher success rate than almost anything else in dentistry! Under professional care, implants have a potential for lifetime durability. Ask us about our warranty.

What if I do not have enough bone in my jaw for implants?

Minor grafting can improve and restore the bone lost from your extraction years ago. We do this in the office frequently where additional bone is required for success of our implant care. It is possible to have an implant for virtually any situation with expert care and planning.

When an implant is surgically placed how long until I get my new tooth?

For front teeth we strive to place teeth the same day in a temporary form. Posterior teeth are often left to rest 6-8 weeks prior to placing a functional chewing force on them. In cases where there is uncertainty about the strength of the bone more time may be required to ensure longevity (7-10 months). In every case, clinical experience along with the prevailing research guides our decision to finalize the implant restoration. We always plan for long-term success and we do not rush.

How can I get a full set of teeth in one day?

With the use of CAT scan planning we can plan for immediate teeth replacements and the ultimate in surgical precision. Planning takes all the time in these cases, however we can deliver exceptional care quickly and never leave you without teeth regardless of your particular need or treatment.