

ADD TO YOUR SMILE.

Dental implants are posts surgically placed into the upper or lower jawbone. They replace one or more teeth that are next to each other. Implants are an effective way to replace missing natural teeth.

You may want to choose dental implants if:

- You hide your smile because you have missing teeth
- Your dentures are not comfortable
- You are not happy with your removable partial dentures
- You do not have or do not want your other teeth to anchor a bridge restoration
- You are having trouble chewing



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Dental Implants

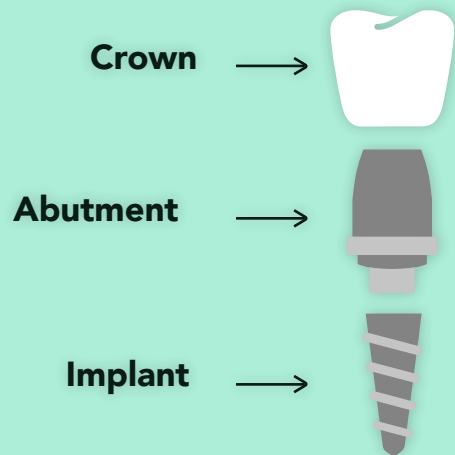
When teeth are lost because of disease or accident, dental implants may be a good option.



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WHAT IS A DENTAL IMPLANT?

Dental implants are titanium fixtures, surgically fastened to your jawbone below the gums, onto which artificial teeth can be mounted. Over several months, implants fuse to your bone through a process called “osseointegration”. This process provides stable support you can rely on while eating and speaking.



As you can see, the dental implant acts as the substitute to a natural tooth's root. Everything but the crown remains below the gum line, enabling a dental implant to look identical to your natural teeth.



TYPES OF DENTAL IMPLANTS

Single Tooth Implant

A single tooth implant replaces the missing tooth's roots. It is a stand-alone unit and does not involve treating the teeth next to it.



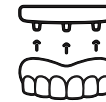
Implant-Supported Bridge

An implant-supported bridge replaces the lost natural teeth and some of the tooth roots when more than one tooth is missing. Unlike traditional bridges, an implant-supported bridge does not need support from the teeth next to it.



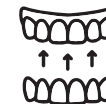
Implant-Supported Denture

If you are missing all of your teeth, an implant supported denture can replace the missing teeth. This is an affordable and hygienic solution.



Fixed Full-Arch Restoration

Implants can be used to fully lock in a set of teeth for the most stable, esthetic result possible. The denture stays in place all the time and fully replaces original teeth. This is ideal if you want something that stays in all the time.



BENEFITS OF DENTAL IMPLANTS

- Won't slip or shift in your mouth
- Offer firm support to natural teeth
- More natural feel
- Help to preserve the bone after teeth are lost or removed
- They may seem like a more expensive option at first, but they can last a long time if well maintained



If your dentist does recommend implant treatment, consistent and good oral hygiene is very important for the success of the implant.

You must spend time caring for the implant and making sure the area around it is very clean. If not, it increases your risk for infection, which can weaken the bone and tissues that are needed to support the implant.