

### Dental Implants:

A dental implant by itself is not a tooth! A dental implant is a prosthesis used to replace missing teeth. Essentially, it is a small titanium post/fixture that is inserted into the jawbone, on top of which a single crown (cap), a fixed bridge, a partial denture, or full denture can be attached.

### Frequently Asked Questions About Dental Implants

#### 1. Who is a good candidate for dental implants?

The ideal candidate for a dental implant is in **good general and oral health**. Adequate bone in your jaw is needed to support the implant, and the best candidates have healthy gum tissues that are free of periodontal disease.

#### 2. How long does the implant procedure take?

The dental implant process will take at least several months. If you enjoy optimal oral health, and your jaw bone is robust enough to accept an implant, you could receive your post on the same day the tooth is extracted. Patients will have to wait several months before a final crown can be placed to allow the area to heal. If a patient suffers from an infection, loss of a tooth to trauma, or requires a bone grafting procedure, they may need several additional weeks or months before the entire implant process is complete.

#### 3. How long do dental implants last?

Dental implants can last 20 or more years with proper care. They could even last a lifetime. Crowns typically last 10-15 years or more.



**4.Are dental implants removable like dentures or do they stay in your mouth?**

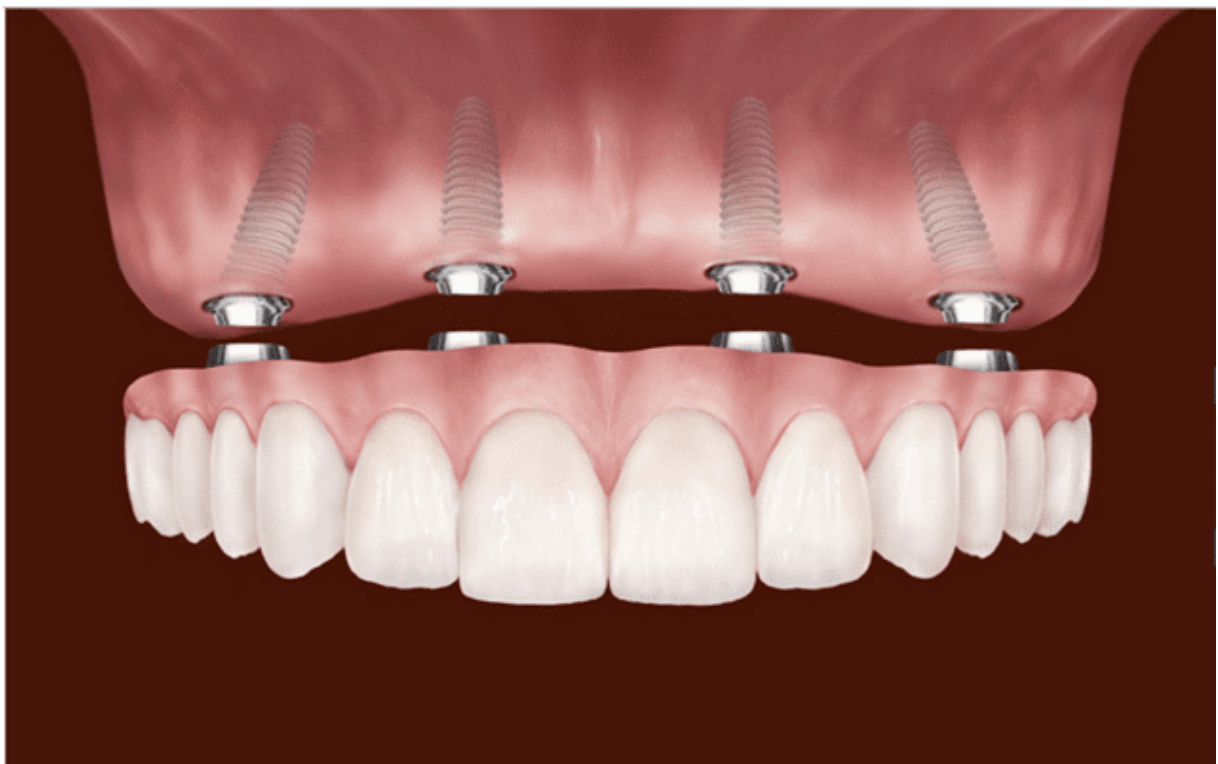
No, dental implants are fixed solidly in the bone and allow teeth to be replaced in a manner that is closest to natural teeth.

**5.What makes dental implants superior to other tooth replacement options?**

Dental implants look and perform just like natural teeth. They prevent bone loss in the jaw and sit in the gums for a natural appearance. Patients can eat, drink, talk, smile, and laugh with confidence, knowing their teeth will not budge. Patients with implants can brush and floss normally. Implants have an amazing 95% long-term success rate. Far higher than other restoration options.

**6.How long do implants take to heal?**

Dental implants can take two to several months to integrate into place. The bone around a new implant needs time to heal so it can secure the implant into place.

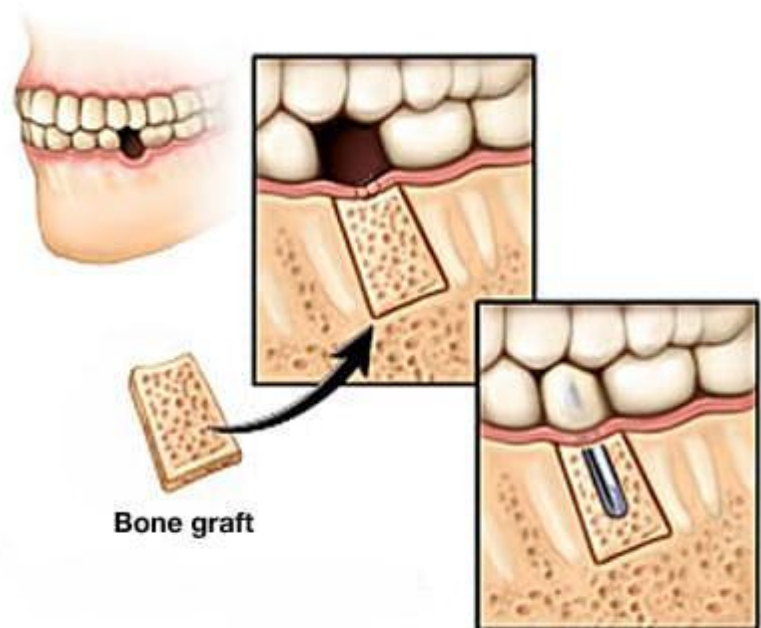


## How the Dental Implant Process Works

- **Comprehensive dental exam.** Patient must provide X Ray. Otherwise could not be examined properly.
- **Review medical history.** Must get the patient's medical history. Please ask for age and health history that will shape the process for the patient.
- **Treatment plan.** Tailored to your situation, this plan takes into account factors such as how many teeth you need replaced and the condition of your jawbone and remaining teeth.

### Jawbone graft

Your oral surgeon may need to transplant a small portion of bone — commonly from another site in the upper or lower jawbone — to give the dental implant a solid foundation.



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### Placing the dental implant

Doctor makes a cut to open your gum and expose the bone. Holes are drilled into the bone where the dental implant metal post will be placed. Since the post will serve as the tooth root, it's implanted deep into the bone.

**Patient will wait 3 months for the implant to unite with gum. After that period of time the crown can be replaced over the implant.**

**Patient's Schedule looks like this;**

- **6 nights** stay in hotel
- **First Day:** Patient will have first appointment and implant will be replaced.
- **Last Day:** Stitches on implant will be removed.
- Patients will have other days to themselves. 2 appointments will be enough until the doctor says otherwise.
- Doctors will write painkillers and/or antibiotics if needed.