

Dental Implants



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Are they real...or are they replacements? The dental question every patient hopes no one can answer! As long as we live, losing one or more teeth is a possibility. Sometimes the loss is at least partly predictable, the result of dental disease. But it can also be unexpected. Think of a skiing holiday... A beautiful winter day, fresh white powder... think of excessive

speed... then think... tree!

Whatever the cause of tooth loss, there is a lot modern dentistry can do towards restoring a set of teeth that look as natural as new.

Why Replace Missing Teeth

Once teeth are missing from the jawbone-whether one or many-whether from accident or disease... something very important is missing as well.

That is tooth stability. Any denture wearer will tell you there is nothing more upsetting than a slipping lower denture and the anxious uncertainty it brings. That is because once one or more teeth are removed, the jawbone that previously anchored the roots of your teeth begins to dissolve. Dental researchers worked for years to find ways to keep bone from shrinking. Now we are proud to offer a solution that prevents bone loss while permitting durable, fixed permanent restorations.

How Implants Work

Dental implants are the next best tooth replacement option to the real thing, because they are rooted in bone just like your original teeth. The procedure involves setting one or more implant anchors into the jawbone. These metal roots, made of titanium, are strong, non-toxic, and biologically compatible with the mouth. The key to successful implant is something we call osseointegration: the bone actually grows into the implant itself. Once this bond stabilizes we cap the

root with a natural-appearing replacement tooth...or multiple replacement teeth. Or use it as an anchor to support a bridge...even a denture! Implants are not right for everyone. You need sufficient bone in your jaw to support them and a willingness to take good care of yourself during treatment.

Implants for Denture Wearers

If you're bothered by dentures that slip, wobble, or are downright painful...you are not alone. An estimated fifty million Americans must cope with similar problems. Some become so distressed that they retreat from social life. And that just does not have to be.

Now we can give dentures a rock-solid support in your jaw. These are also dental implants. They work like single-tooth implants but are hidden under your denture. These anchors secure dentures and are made from biocompatible titanium alloy...one of the strongest metals on earth.

Even if you have diminished

bone mass, we may have an implant anchor post that will work in your mouth. Sometimes implants can address the problems even longtime denture wearers face. The benefits of implants, from restored chewing and speaking efficiency to improved nutrition, are undeniable.

Implant Success

Unfortunately, implants do not always succeed in their new location. Implants require diligent personal oral hygiene. You must do your part in maintaining a healthy mouth. Today with all the new sophisticated tooth surface cleaning methods there is even greater increased success. Short of regrowing your own tooth, this is the most exciting tooth replacement option modern dental science has to offer.

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