



# FAQs and Comments

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# Definition of Implants

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“Dental implants are substitute tooth roots. They provide virtually the same function as natural tooth roots by stimulating bone growth and preserving the bone. It then provides a stable foundation for replacement teeth that look, feel & function like natural teeth.”



# Am I a Candidate for Dental Implant Treatment?

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- Nearly everyone who is missing one or more teeth and in general good health is a candidate for dental implant treatment. There are a few medical conditions that can undermine the success of implant treatment. A consultation with our Implant Specialist will be able to make this determination.



# Will My New Teeth Look Natural?

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- Your new teeth will be as close as possible to your natural teeth. They will actually look, feel and function like your own teeth.



## Do I have enough bone?

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- It is important for a patient to have enough bone to support the implant. If you do not have enough bone, there are many safe and effective ways to correct bone deficiency.



# Site Preparation

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- Sinus grafting
- Surgical Distraction Osteogenesis
- Ridge augmentation
  - Guided tissue / bone regeneration
    - Autogenous grafts
    - Allografts
    - xenografts
      - Platlets rich plasma
      - Collagen therapy
- ETC.



# What are implants made of?

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- Strong, Decay resistant material known as titanium that is compatible with your dental bone.
- Safe Bio-Compatible material

# How Long Do Implants Last?

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■ Clinical research demonstrates = successful for over 30 years.

- Designed to be permanent: many factors contribute to the long-term success of implant treatment,
  - home care
  - regular maintenance visits
- Research demonstrates tooth supported bridge lasts from 7-10 years and that partials and dentures are functional for an average of only 5 years.
- Insurance statistics indicate that bridges, partials and dentures last 5 years and they generally pay for necessary replacements every 5 years



# Is the Surgical Procedure Painful?

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- Most implant patients report that the discomfort is far less than they expected, and is much like having a tooth extracted. And although everyone is different with regard to pain tolerance, most patients are very comfortable by simply taking Tylenol afterward.

# Am I Too Old for Dental Implants?



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- Overall health and a desire to improve the quality of life are much more important considerations than age. When dental implants were first developed, back in the 1950's, implant supported replacement teeth were originally designed as a solution for older patients who were missing all of their teeth. Since then, many patients well into their 90's have had dental implant treatment without a single problem.



# Is it possible to use an existing denture?

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- Sometimes it is possible
- Alteration to accommodate attachments
- Determined by a consultation with a specialist

# What is the Cost of Implant Treatment?



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- Investment in overall health, appearance and well being= preserving the integrity of facial structures, and replacing missing teeth.
- The actual cost based on
  - number of teeth being replaced
  - type of treatment option
  - additional procedures if necessary
- Long term vs. short term

ALWAYS TRY TO CREATE VALUE PRIOR TO QUOTING A FEE



# Cost continued

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- No set cost for each implant calculation based
  - amount of time to complete treatment
  - implant placement
  - surgical procedures,
  - fabrication of replacement teeth
  - estimated cost of implants, other components and materials
  - laboratory fees.
- To accurately estimate the cost needs
  - examination and consultation specialist.
- The dentist and dental specialist work together on a patient's treatment and there is a separate fee for each of the doctors



# Will My Insurance Pay for Implants?

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- The extent of your coverage will depend on your individual plan and the implant benefits included. Few dental insurance plans cover implant placement; however, fabrication of the replacement teeth is often partially covered.