

Dental implants are often the best treatment for missing teeth.

Who Needs Dental Implants?

Dental implant patients are adults of all ages. Implants may be the right choice for anyone missing one, multiple, or even all of their teeth due to injury, defects, disease or decay. They can even be an option for adolescents once the jaw stops growing, typically around 16 for girls and 18 for boys.

HOW Do I Know if Dental Implants Are Right for Me?

Take our dental implant self test:

- Y N 1. Do you have one or more missing teeth?
- Y N 2. Do you have a bridge that needs to be replaced?
- Y N 3. Do your dentures affect your quality of life by slipping, clicking or keeping you from eating what you want?
- Y N 4. Do you have bite problems or pain because of a missing tooth?
- Y N 5. Do you want a treatment option for missing teeth that provides a more permanent, long-term solution?

If you answer "yes" to one or more of these questions, dental implants may be an option for you.

How to Choose Your Implant Dentist

Who you choose to restore your missing teeth is just as important as the technique they use. Creating healthy smiles using the best restoration method for missing or damaged natural teeth requires the care of a dental implant expert who is specially trained and skilled in implant dentistry.

Questions to Ask When Selecting an Implant Dentist

- What's your education and training in dental implant treatment?
- How many dental implant procedures have you performed?
- What treatment options do you use to restore missing teeth?
- What steps are involved in the process and where and by whom are they performed?

The American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) provides information, education and training for dentists, periodontists, prosthodontists and oral surgeons who perform surgical and/or restorative procedures. Implant dentists credentialed by the AAID have the training and expertise to assess and provide you with the best possible custom plan and treatment.

To find a credentialed AAID Implant Dentist in your area, visit our web site at www.aaid-implant.org.



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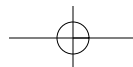
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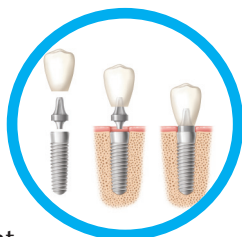
Why Dental Implants?

Dental implants allow you to confidently eat, smile, laugh, talk, play and enjoy life without worrying about your teeth.

- *Next best thing to healthy, natural teeth.*
- *Built to last.*
- *Retain your natural face shape and smile.*
- *Keep teeth in place — silently.*
- *Protect healthy bone.*
- *Protect your healthy teeth.*
- *Speak easily.*
- *Eat your favorite foods!*
- *Keep your teeth in your mouth — not in a cup.*
- *More predictable than other repair and restoration methods.*

What Is a Dental Implant?

A dental implant is a cylindrical post, usually made of titanium, that is placed in the jawbone so that it can fuse with your natural bone and become a strong and sturdy foundation for replacement teeth. Implants can be used to replace an individual tooth or for an implant-supported bridge or denture containing multiple teeth.



Your teeth, like your fingerprints, are unique — no one else's are the same as yours. Many options exist to replace missing teeth, but only one — dental implants — can provide the feel, function and appearance of natural teeth.

Strong and stable, a dental implant restores a lost tooth so that it looks, feels, fits and functions like a natural tooth.

Dental implants are a long-term solution that can last a lifetime when properly placed and cared for. Taste and enjoy the foods you love without hesitation.

Dental implants allow you to keep your teeth where they belong — in your mouth.

Now let's get you smiling again!



SUCCESS STORY

Jan Hasn't Stopped Smiling Since She Received Her Implants!

Jan loves motorcycles, and she loves her new smile.

Born missing 12 teeth, Jan had spent her entire life making adjustments, before dental implants.



"I was missing multiple teeth in the back on both sides of my uppers and teeth on the bottom right and left," she explained. "I almost had to eat in a crooked way to get the teeth to line up to chew the best. I just didn't have the right alignment or the chewing power for things like carrots or other crunchy things."

"I'm a happy person and now my new smile matches who I am inside."

Jan chose dental implants as the foundation for a whole new smile.

Jan's team of dental specialists, including her AAID-credentialed implant dentist, performed a sinus graft to build up the bone to support her new teeth, and placed four dental implants that served as the foundation for four replacement teeth.

"I'm a happy person and now my new smile matches who I am inside," she said. "On a scale of 1-10, I give it a 10-plus. I have not stopped smiling since I got my new smile! I feel much more confident now."

See more about Jan and other dental implant success stories at www.AAID-implant.org.

