

WHAT IS A DENTAL IMPLANT?

A dental implant is a screw-like component that is inserted into the jawbone to take the place of a missing tooth or to support a crown, bridge or denture. It is usually made of titanium, which helps it bond to the bone. It will look, feel and perform just like a natural tooth.

WHO IS SUITABLE FOR DENTAL IMPLANTS?

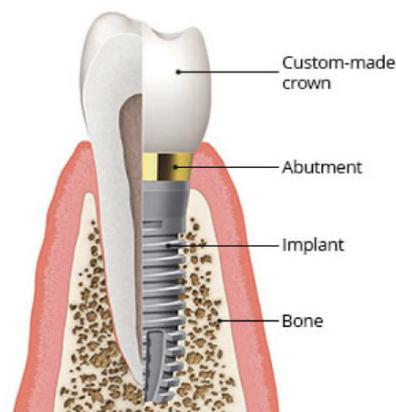
Dental implants are suitable for most adults with good general health. They are usually not used with younger patients. It is important to discuss your general health and habits with the dentist prior to placing a dental implant. Some habits like smoking and heavy drinking can increase the risk of problems associated with healing once the implant is placed.

HOW LONG DOES TREATMENT TAKE?

From the time of implant placement to the time of placing the tooth, treatment times can vary but normally involves a time period of 3-6 months.

HOW LONG WILL IMPLANTS LAST?

Implants can last as long as natural teeth, as long as they are cared for correctly, just as with a natural tooth. Your personal attention to oral hygiene and regular maintenance reviews will be of vital importance as, if not cared for, an implant can become infected and sore causing bleeding and general discomfort.



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WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF IMPLANT PLACEMENT?

There are a number of stages involved that take place over a period of time ranging from 3-6 months.

Implant Consultation

After discussing all treatment options available to you, X-rays and/or a 3D image will be taken to help assess the bone quantity and quality. A treatment plan will be discussed and given to you detailing each stage and the cost involved.

Implant Placement

This is a relatively simple procedure that is performed in the dental surgery with some local anaesthetic. Your implant is placed gently and precisely into healthy bone. The implants are then allowed to heal under the gum over the next two to four months.

Healing Cap Placement

Following the appropriate healing period (3-6 months usually), your implants are uncovered, and a healing abutment is attached to your implant. The healing abutment will help to promote soft and hard tissue healing around an implant.

Restorative phase:

When healing has taken place the implant can be restored to bring it into use with different options such as a single crown, a small or large bridge or a full arch solution.

Maintenance:

It is important once the implant placement is completed that the patient follows the oral hygiene instructions given by the dentist or dental hygienist. They should also attend the hygienist regularly for maintenance and to the dentist to review the health of the soft tissue, bone levels and the restoration.