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DENTISTRY

*Consumer*  *Guide to*  
*Dental Implants*

The Facts Your Dentists May Not Tell You

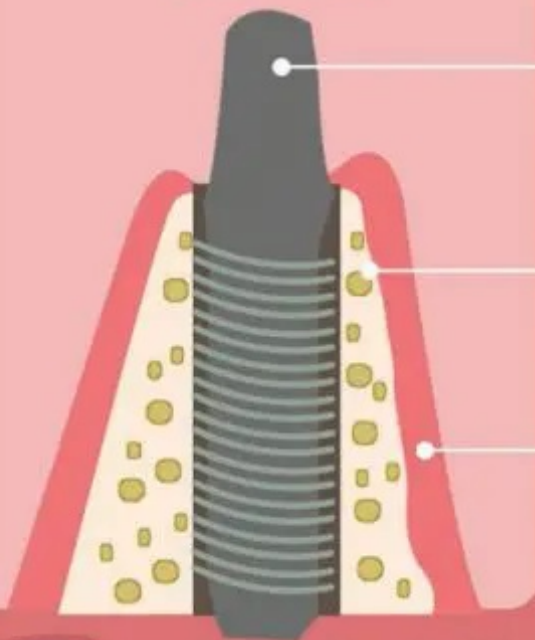
Now that you've heard about dental implants as a way to fix your missing or failing teeth, how do you know if they're right for you? Spend just a few minutes reviewing this short guide, and you'll have the facts you need to make an informed decision.



## In some cases, dental implants are completed in two stages:

The first is the placement while the second involves the uncovering after the implant(s) heal. Healing typically lasts 3-6 months.

### 1 PLACEMENT OF IMPLANT



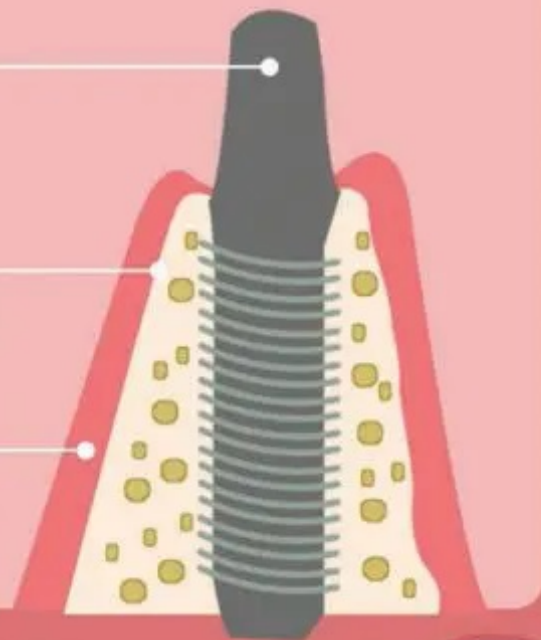
Implant

Tooth Root

Gums

### 2 UNCOVERING

Healing: 3-6 months



### Factors that could prolong the healing process:

#### A. SMOKING



Since tobacco use slows normal healing, we suggest you avoid smoking for 3 days after surgery. You can always wear a nicotine patch during this period.


#### B. GRINDING




Grinding or clenching only comes into play after your implant is rehabilitated. Typically, when a crown is placed on an implant, it can be affected by undue pressure from parafunctional functions such as grinding.

## Bone quality is another key feature in determining your candidacy for dental implants.

Keep in mind, density isn't as important as the bone quantity surrounding your future implant.



Now, your dentist will likely use a **CAT scan** or **planning software** to choose the best site for your implant.



Unlike conventional x-rays taken during check-up appointments, a CAT scan provides **three-dimensional interpretation** for predictable implant placement. It also ensures your dentist avoids **damaging vital vessels** during your procedure.

To accommodate lack of bone, an implant can be slanted. Also, the evolution of longer or zygomatic implants makes grafting unnecessary. (Although grafting is still used in some cases, it can lead to discomfort and delayed delivery of final teeth - so avoid it, when possible.)

## MOST people are strong candidates for dental implants.

Many dentists, though, take **IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS** with patients who have systemic illnesses that can affect healing.

These conditions include:



**Diabetes**



**Recent cancer or radiation treatments**



**Compromised immune system**



**Prosthetic body implants**



Now, even if you have any of these conditions, implant dentistry can still be performed.

Your dentist may simply give you **ANTIBIOTICS** before your surgery and delay the implant uncovering.



# QUICK TIPS!



Since fear is a common feeling prior to implant surgery, we suggest using **sedation during procedures**. In some cases, you can actually sleep through your entire surgery. (We use an intravenous medication such as **Midazolam** or **Fentanyl** to provide a tranquil state of mind.)

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Now, of course, the **cost of implants varies with each scenario**. So, it's difficult to determine your cost without first seeing a qualified dentist.

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And remember, **dental implant is only small part of the outcome**. Other considerations such as crown fabrication must be taken into account (these are often discussed further during your office visit).

## So here's what to do next ...

As you can see...

### **YOU HAVE MORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE THAN YOU'RE LIKELY AWARE OF.**

Regardless of your situation, there's no reason why you can't fix your missing or failing teeth.



- ✓ I encourage you to **schedule your FREE no-risk, no obligation evaluation** with me.
- ✓ I'll **walk you through your options** and make sure you understand the benefits of each one.
- ✓ If you are too busy to visit my office, we can conduct a **private session by phone or video**.

**CLICK  
HERE  
TODAY**

to schedule a time that's convenient for you.

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