

Dental Implants

Dental Implants are titanium screws that are inserted into the jaw bones.

Over the years, dental implants have been extensively researched and improved. Dental implants allow you to bite naturally like your own teeth.

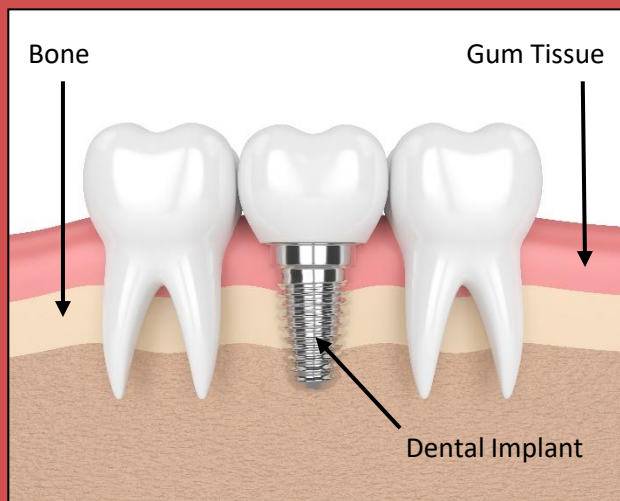


Fig 4. Example of a Dental Implant

For an implant to be successfully placed, there must be sufficient bone remaining in the jaw to hold the implant.

The amount of bone that a person has available for implant is determined by the bone shape and quality with important structures in the surrounding area such as the sinuses (in the upper jaw) and nerve bundles (in the lower jaw).

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Treatment Options to Replace Missing Teeth

Missing teeth can be replaced in a few ways depending on the circumstances.

Listed below are the treatment options for missing teeth:

- Dentures



- Dental Bridge



- Dental Implants



Dentures

A denture is a removable option for replacing missing teeth.

Dentures should be removed and cleaned after every meal and stored in a container before going to bed.

It is the least invasive and cheapest option to replace missing teeth compared to bridges and implant treatment.

As dentures are not permanently fixed to parts of the mouth, they may shift around in use and may loosen over time.



Fig 1. Example of a Denture

How is Denture Done?

- To have a denture done, you will need five to six dental appointments. Each appointment is **two weeks apart**. Overall, it takes up to 10 weeks to complete a denture.
- It takes time to get used to your new denture. You may need to revisit the clinic after the fitting stage if soreness of the gums or other issues occur.
- It is important to treat your denture like your natural teeth. They should be kept as clean as possible to prevent gum inflammation or fungal infection.

Dental Bridge

Dental Bridge is one of the fixed and permanent options to replace missing teeth.

Crowns of the dental bridge are placed over natural teeth on either side of the missing teeth to “bridge” the gap.

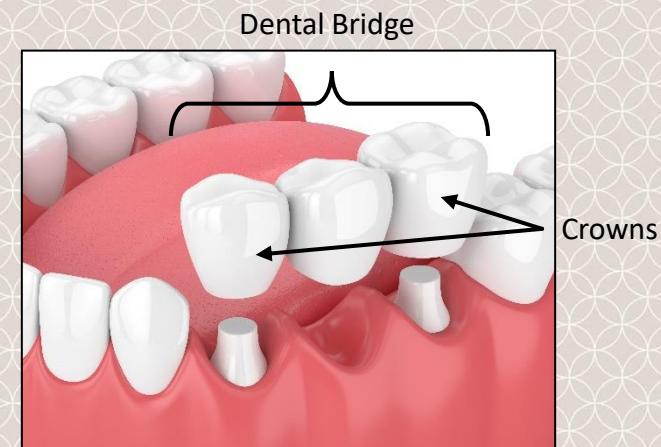


Fig 2. Example of a Dental Bridge

What Is A Crown?

A crown is an artificial dental cap that covers the remaining tooth with a material such as metal, porcelain, or a combination of both materials use to restore missing tooth structures (e.g. dental bridges).

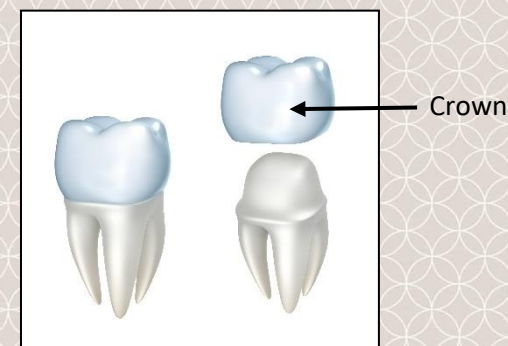


Fig 3. Example of a Dental Crown