



The Complete Guide to Dental Implants



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When you are faced with a missing tooth, there are a few options you can consider to restore your smile.

Many people choose dental implants because they provide a high-quality, lasting solution to missing teeth. No more embarrassment. You will achieve a beautiful, top-of-the-line result and care-free function that can last for the rest of your life!

So what is a dental implant, and is it right for you? We've put this guide together to answer your questions.

What Is A Dental Implant?

A dental implant is a “root” replacement, usually made of titanium that is surgically placed below the gums into the jawbone. The implant is carefully and skillfully placed into the jaw where the natural root would have been. It is then left to integrate with the jawbone.

Once integrated, a crown, bridge, or denture is fixed onto the implant. Because the implant fuses to your bone, dental implant restorations feel and function more like natural teeth. Some people also find the secure fit more comfortable than conventional substitutes, such as a bridge or dentures.



How Do Dental Implants Compare to Other Solutions?

Dental implants are the most advanced option available to replace teeth today.

Wondering what sets them apart? Here are 5 advantages of dental implants that make them a great dental solution.

1 Strong

Since dental implants integrate fully with your jaw, they work like a natural tooth. They're designed for heavy lifting, and they won't click or snap out of place like dentures.

Dental implants don't require special care, and you can brush and floss normally around them.

2 Durable

Dental implants are designed to last a very long time. They are typically made out of a titanium base and ceramic crown, making them as strong as regular teeth.

In contrast, dentures typically last about 10 years, and will need to be replaced due to normal wear and tear.

Remember, do not use your dental implants to chew ice, crack hard nuts, or open packages. They are designed to handle normal wear and tear, but not excessive force. As a general rule, if something would be dangerous to do with a real tooth, do not attempt it with your dental implant.

In addition, since dental implants are made of titanium, they can never get dental decay!



3 Good For Your Jaw

Dental implants integrate with your jaw bone, stimulating bone growth in the area and preventing your jaw from atrophying. You'll avoid the sunken-in look and discomfort that often comes with long-term denture use.

4 Good for Surrounding Teeth

A dental implant does not place any strain on surrounding teeth.

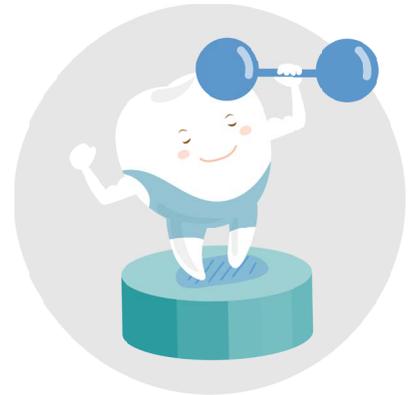
In contrast, if you choose a bridge, you're essentially making two teeth do the work of three.

Sometimes, this is fine, especially if you're filling a gap near the front of the mouth. However, this can lead to strain and damage over time, especially for molars, which are under more force. Dental implants are usually the preferred replacement for molars.

5 Affordable

Dental implants are an investment. At first glance, they may seem expensive in comparison to other options. However, since they rarely need to be replaced, they are often the best option for your budget in the long term.

In contrast, you'll end up paying for new dentures approximately every 10 years.



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Attractive

Not only do dental implants promote oral health, but they look great, too! A dental implant can do wonders for self-esteem, because it feels and looks like a normal tooth. If you were once shy about smiling because of a space from a lost tooth, you'll feel more comfortable after a dental implant.



Do I Need Dental Implants?

You may be a good candidate for dental implants if you fall into one of these three categories:

- ✓ You have a broken or cracked tooth.
 - ✓ You have a tooth with significant decay, which prevents fillings or crowns from staying in place.
 - ✓ You currently have partial or full dentures.
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Am I a Candidate for Dental Implants?

To have dental implants, there are certain health requirements you must meet.

If you have thin bone, you are still a candidate for dental implants, but may possibly need a bone graft. You must also have healthy gum tissue.

If you are interested in getting implants but have insufficient bone support, your dentist may recommend having a routine bone graft procedure. This will help you generate bone in the desired region so an implant can be placed.



Implants at Boger Dental

We are pleased to offer dental implants as part of the umbrella of services available under one roof at Boger Dental. The advantages to you are numerous.

Instead of having to refer you out to a specialist, we're able to incorporate implants into your overall dental care. This allows you to schedule treatment according to your personal priorities and dental budget. It also creates better continuity of care. With our expertise in restorative and cosmetic dentistry, your implants will be strong, durable, and beautiful.

We know that oral surgery can be stressful for many people. If you suffer from dental anxiety, ask about the state-of-the-art sedation options available for your comfort.



Strengthen Your Smile Today

Dental implants are a great option if you need a tooth replaced. They're indistinguishable from real teeth, can last a lifetime, and promote mouth health.



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Are Dental Implants Right for You?

Schedule an appointment today. Our expert, friendly team will help you find the solution that meets your needs.

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