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IMPLANT

GUIDE

Guiding you through your dental implant journey.
Dental Implant Pricing and Information Guide



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PURPOSE OF THE GUIDEBOOK

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What makes up a Dental Implant?

A dental implant refers to the complete system, which includes:

The Implant (Screw):

The titanium post is surgically inserted into the jawbone, serving as a replacement for the root of a natural tooth. It fuses with the bone through a process known as osseointegration.

The Abutment:

The connector piece, attached to the implant post, sits above the gum line and acts as the anchor for the replacement tooth or teeth

The Restoration:

For single dental implants, a crown is placed on top of the abutment. It is either screwed or cemented into place, offering a natural-looking replacement for the missing tooth.

For full arch dental implants, where multiple teeth or an entire arch require replacement, a fixed bridge is utilized. Supported by at least four strategically placed implants in the jaw, the bridge is securely attached to the abutments, offering a stable and permanent set of replacement teeth.

(All-on-4) These components work together to restore the function and appearance of natural teeth, enabling patients to chew, speak, and smile with confidence.



COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT DENTAL IMPLANTS

Despite being around since the 1960s, dental implants are often misunderstood. Myths and misconceptions about the procedure, cost, and results can lead to unnecessary concerns for those considering this option. To help clear up any confusion, we're here to provide accurate and reliable information.

Dental implants are painful

Reality: While dental implant surgery is a surgical procedure, advancements in anesthesia and pain management mean that most patients experience only minor discomfort. During the procedure, local anesthesia is used to numb the area, and sedation options are available for those who are anxious. After the surgery, any discomfort can typically be managed with over-the-counter pain relievers. Most patients report that the discomfort is less than they expected.

Implants are only for the elderly

Reality: Dental implants are suitable for adults of all ages, not just the elderly. Anyone who has lost a tooth due to injury, decay, or other reasons can consider dental implants, provided they have sufficient bone density and good oral health. In fact, implants can be especially beneficial for younger patients who want a long-term solution for missing teeth.

Implants look fake and unnatural

Reality: Dental implants are designed to look and feel like natural teeth. The crowns that are placed on top of implants are custom-made to match the color, shape, and size of your natural teeth. Advances in dental technology, such as digital imaging and 3D printing, ensure that implants blend seamlessly with your smile.

The procedure is too expensive

Reality: While dental implants can have a higher upfront cost compared to other tooth replacement options, they are a long-term investment. Unlike dentures or bridges, which may need to be replaced or adjusted over time, implants can last many years, even a lifetime, with proper care. Additionally, many dental practices offer financing options to make the cost more manageable.

Implants require special care

Reality: Dental implants require similar care to natural teeth. This includes brushing twice a day, "flossing" with a WaterPik daily, and regular dental check-ups. Unlike dentures, implants do not require special cleaning solutions or adhesives. With good oral hygiene, implants can remain healthy and functional for many years.

The recovery time is too long

Reality: While the osseointegration process, where the implant fuses with the bone, can take several months, most patients can resume normal activities (with a soft diet) within a few days of the surgery. Immediate load implants, such as those used in All on 4 procedures, allow patients to leave the dental office with a temporary set of teeth on the same day as the surgery, reducing the impact on daily life.

Implants are not safe for everyone

Reality: Dental implants have a high success rate and are safe for most people. However, certain medical conditions, such as uncontrolled diabetes or heavy smoking, can affect healing and osseointegration. A thorough evaluation by a dental professional will help determine if implants are a suitable option for you. Even if you have a complex case, such as insufficient bone density, techniques like bone grafting or the use of advanced implants like zygomatic or pterygoid implants can make the procedure possible.

UNDERSTANDING THE COSTS OF DENTAL IMPLANTS

Dental implants are a significant investment in your oral health and overall well-being. While they may have a higher initial cost compared to other tooth replacement options like dentures or bridges, their long-term benefits and durability often make them a cost-effective solution over time. Here's a general overview of the financial aspects of dental implants:

Factors Influencing the Cost of Dental Implants

Several factors can influence the total cost of dental implants, including:

Number of Implants: The more implants needed, the higher the cost. A single implant costs less than a full arch of implants, such as in All on 4 procedures.

Type of Restoration: The type of restoration (crown, bridge, or denture) that will be placed on top of the implants can also affect the cost.

Material Used: The materials used for the implant post and the restoration (such as titanium for the implant and zirconia for the crown) can influence the price.

Location and Expertise: The location of the dental practice and the expertise of the dental professional can also play a role in the overall cost. Highly experienced specialists may charge more for their services.

Additional Procedures: Sometimes, additional procedures like bone grafts, sinus lifts, or extractions may be necessary to prepare the mouth for implants, adding to the total cost.

Financing Options and Insurance

While dental implants can be costly, many dental offices offer various financing options to make the procedure more affordable. These options may include:

Payment Plans: Some dental practices offer payment plans that allow you to spread the cost of the procedure over several months or years, making it more manageable.

Dental Loans: Specialized dental loans can provide the funds needed for the procedure, with repayment plans suited to your budget.

Credit Cards: Some patients use credit cards to finance their dental implants, especially those with low-interest rates or promotional offers.

Dental Savings Plans: These plans are an alternative to traditional dental insurance and offer discounts on dental services, including implants.

It's important to note that most dental insurance plans do not cover the full cost of dental implants, as they are often considered an elective procedure. However, insurance may cover part of the cost, such as the initial consultation, extractions, or part of the restoration. It's essential to check with your insurance provider to understand what aspects of the implant process are covered.

Investing in dental implants can have significant long-term benefits, both aesthetically and functionally. While the initial cost may seem high, the durability, comfort, and health advantages of dental implants often outweigh the investment. Consult with your dental professional to explore your options and find the best financial solution for your needs.