

# Dental Implant Surgery

What are dental implants? A long-term solution to replace missing teeth.

## Benefits of dental implants



Fewer diet restrictions.



Bone preservation because implants are imbedded into the jaw, reducing bone loss.



Do not affect neighboring teeth.



Look and feel like natural teeth.



No day-to-day frustrations or discomfort from ill-fitting dentures.



Dental implants are a long-term solution.

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Adults ages 35 to 44 will lose at least one permanent tooth to an accident, gum disease, a failed root canal or tooth decay.

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Adults will lose all their permanent teeth by age 74.

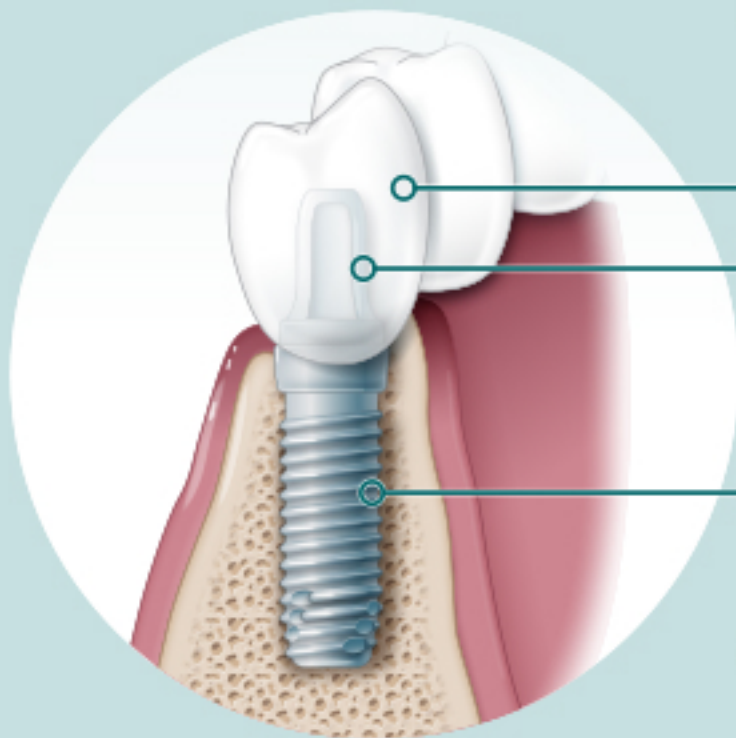


Bridge

On average, bridges and dentures need to be replaced every 7 to 15 years.



Dentures



Crown

Abutment

Titanium Implant

## Implants require a Dental Team



### Patient

Follows all pre- and post-surgical instructions.

### Referring/restorative dentist

Recommends a trained oral and maxillofacial surgeon and after implant placement creates and connects the abutment to the implant. Also manages follow-up dental care.

### Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon (OMS)

Evaluates whether the patient is a good candidate for the procedure and places the implant.

Dental implant surgery is best performed by surgeons with specialized education and training.



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