

# Replacing removed teeth...

Once you've had a tooth extraction, your dentist will usually recommend you fill the gap where your tooth used to be. Gaps left by missing teeth can put a strain on neighbouring teeth, affect the way you bite and leave you more susceptible to tooth decay and gum disease.

**Some of the treatment options available for replacing missing teeth are:**

## **Dental implants:**

A dental implant is a long-term, discreet solution for replacing missing or failing teeth. A dental implant itself is a titanium screw that's placed directly into your jawbone, replacing the missing root of your tooth.

## **Dental bridges:**

A dental bridge essentially bridges a gap in your mouth. A bridge replaces a missing tooth by using a false tooth that's bonded to the natural teeth on either side of the gap.

## **Dentures:**

Dentures are removable plastic or metal frameworks that carry single or multiple false teeth. They're suitable for filling multiple gaps or if you have no teeth at all.

If you're currently having a tooth extraction procedure, speak to your dentist about options for replacing missing teeth.

If you're interested in replacing missing teeth from a previous extraction, you'll need to book a consultation with our dentist to discuss which treatment is most suitable for you.

## Are you ready to get started?

There may be more than one solution for your unique situation and your dentist can walk you through your options. The decision to replace missing teeth with dental implants is an excellent investment in your oral health and appearance, and rest assured, there's several that may be right for you.

While the idea of dental implants may sound scary and overwhelming right now, talking with your dentist is the best place to start your smile journey.

## 0% interest-free finance options!

Keep on smiling! Spread the cost of your treatment with **0-18 months interest free finance options** or 24-60 months at 9.9% APR interest bearing options are available. Speak to our team today!

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## What are the *next steps* after your dental extraction?

Discover your options with our extraction guide...

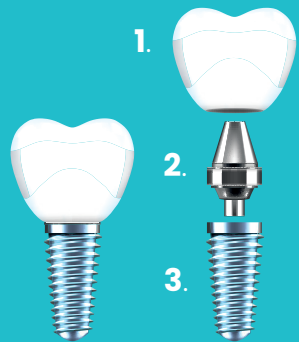
# So, what exactly is a Dental Implant?

A dental implant made up of three components: the implant, the abutment, and the crown.

The **implant** is a small device, usually made of titanium, and similar in shape to a screw. Under local anesthetic, it is surgically inserted into the jawbone, and serves as the first step in the process to replace missing teeth. Once inserted, the implant bonds with your natural bone, and acts as a substitute for the root of the tooth. It provides the base of support for the replacement teeth, also known as the crowns.

The **abutment** is a connector that is placed on the top of the dental implant, and serves as the connection point and additional support for the crown.

The **crown**, essentially the part of the tooth you see, is custom manufactured to match the look, shape, and fit of the other natural teeth, and then connected to the abutment to complete the replacement process.



## Get to know:

1. Prosthetic Crown

2. Abutment

3. Dental Implant

## But what if it's just one tooth?

You might be wondering if it's even necessary to replace your missing tooth, especially if it's missing in the back. Even if it's just one tooth, taking steps to replace it will not only help improve the way your smile looks, but will also help preserve and protect important parts of your mouth such as your jaw bone, palate, gums, and **other healthy teeth**.

**It's natural to have questions.** Here are a few of the ones most commonly asked:

### Will it hurt?

Dental implants are generally inserted under local anesthetic to help minimize discomfort both during the procedure and the healing process.

### Will the implant last forever?

Implants are designed to last for many years. Following after-care instructions will be important to keeping your mouth healthy, even after replacing your teeth with implants.

### Is it expensive?

Costs range dependant on your treatment plan. **We do offer 0% interest-free finance to help you spread the costs.**

### Will insurance cover it?

Insurance coverage can be determined based on your unique treatment plan. Your dental professional will help you determine if your treatment is covered.

## Why choose dental implants?

Dental implants are now the standard of care for missing teeth. Better than older versions of crown and bridge solutions, today's implants look, feel and function like natural teeth. They help prevent bone loss caused by missing tooth roots and do not require adjacent teeth to be ground down.

Today's state-of-the-art restoration products and techniques cover all patient needs – **even if you're missing just one tooth.**

Unlike other tooth replacement options, implants are natural-looking and feeling, won't slip during talking, eating, or laughing, and help to support the natural structure of your mouth.

