

What are Dental Implants?

Dental implants are a treatment for patients with missing teeth. A dental implant works as a root for replacement teeth. They are made from biocompatible titanium that “fuses” with the bone. With this option, adjacent teeth are not touched and the implant is considered a long-term replacement. The replacement teeth are connected to the implant, so they are anchored in place. They won't slip or make any noises. They are as close to natural teeth as you can get. **They look, feel and perform similarly to your natural teeth.**



Alternative to Dental Implants

Partial & Full Dentures

Partial and full dentures, shown below, can be used to replace single or multiple missing teeth. Partial dentures have metal clasps that snap onto the adjacent teeth. Dentures are used when all teeth - upper, lower, or both - have been lost. Dentures are always removable.



Partial & Full Dentures



Bridge

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A bridge helps to fill the gap in an area of the mouth where a tooth is missing. The teeth adjacent to this space are filled down to accommodate crowns. A false tooth is attached to these two new crowns which “bridges” the gap.

Dental Implant Options



Single Tooth Replacement



Multiple Tooth Replacement



Complete Upper/Lower Removable Replacement



Complete Upper/Lower Fixed Replacement

Treatment Process

1. Consultation & Diagnostic Evaluation

A consultation begins the process.

Patient information is collected through an initial exam. X-rays, computed tomography (CT), and notes from your restorative dentist are all gathered at this time along with any other information your surgeon might need.

2. Treatment Plan

All information from the consultation is reviewed.

A detailed Treatment Plan is completed.

The Treatment Plan lists the procedures and timelines involved with your specific implant case.

3. Surgical Phase

This phase begins the surgical procedures to complete your implant.

Depending on your surgeon's finding during your consultation, you may have one or more surgical procedures. These would have been explained during your Treatment Plan phase.

The different surgical procedures may include; dental extractions, bone grafts, soft tissue grafts, computer guided surgery, or implant replacement.

4. Healing Phase

During this phase you will have a few short visits to our office to ensure you are healing properly.

The implants are bonding with the jaw bone during the 1 to 4 months following the surgery.

5. Restorative Phase

During this phase you return to your restorative dentist to complete your Treatment Plan.

The crown is always placed by your dentist.

The abutment is also placed by your dentist.

Occasionally your surgeon will place the abutment.

The Armitage Oral Surgery Team makes every effort to keep your dentist informed of your treatment progress in order for you to experience a pleasant transition back to the care of your dentist.

Why Dental Implants are the best solution to replace missing teeth?

Bone grows and bonds to the Implant surface

A dental implant is simply an artificial root that merges with your bone and acts like a natural tooth root.

Natural looking and feeling

An implant-supported restoration looks and feels like a natural tooth-there is no visible difference or special care required.

Preserve jaw bone and facial structure

Implants transmit chewing forces to the jaw bone, which helps maintain bone and facial structure. If tooth roots are missing, these forces cease and the bone may slowly recede and cause shifting teeth and facial shape changes.

Maintain adjacent natural teeth

Unlike bridges, a dental implant replaces a natural tooth root, and does not require that adjacent natural teeth be ground down to support, so your remaining teeth stay intact.

Why choose Armitage Oral Surgery as your Dental Implant Partner?

Getting a new tooth with a dental implant is the closest thing to having your natural tooth back. This process is the easiest and most rewarding when you partner with a surgeon and restorative dentist that understand the details and precision that make your new tooth and its dental implant anchor look and feel the best.

Our surgeons have strong relationships built within the dental community. This allows for strong communication with your dentist before, during, and after your implant procedure. Our surgeons are exceptionally trained on the surgical side of dental implants.

They also have an in depth understanding of the restorative and prosthetic aspect of dental implant treatment. This expertise along with the most current and advanced concepts in implant dentistry allows improved predictability, quality of care, and more rapid healing.

In addition, our surgeons' expert surgical touch and versatility in the art of anesthesia and analgesia will put you at ease and make your experience as comfortable as possible. We take pride in our work and feel tremendous gratitude for the trust our patients and the community place in our practice. We promise our best efforts and compassion throughout your experience.



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The Benefits of Dental Implants