



Your Third Set of Teeth: Dental Implants With Dental Crowns

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Dental implants have changed the way teeth are replaced. Now, it is possible to “re-grow” and replace missing or badly broken teeth. When someone refers to a dental implant, they are usually talking about a dental implant, abutment and crown.

These three parts can be seen below. First the root or foundation is placed, then the abutment or metal tooth is placed and finally, a beautiful dental crown is put on top. You won't be able to tell the difference between dental implant crowns and your natural teeth.






Single Dental Implant, Abutment (tooth) and crown that helps replace a missing tooth.

When many or all teeth are missing, dental implant bridges can be used to replace teeth.

The Benefits of Dental Implants:

1. It becomes much easier to chew healthy crunchy food that you love.
2. Balance is restored in your mouth and pressure is taken off remaining teeth.
3. Bone is preserved in the correct position which helps to maintain a youthful appearance.
4. Your self confidence, self esteem and quality of life will improve.
5. People with dental implants live 10 years longer than those without.
6. Most patients are very happy with their decision to have dental implants placed.

		
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The Process:

1. First the dental implant is placed and we wait 3-4 months for complete healing.
2. An abutment (metal tooth) is placed and an impression is made.
3. After 2 weeks a beautiful crown or bridge becomes part of your new permanent smile.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Does it hurt?

During the procedure, we make sure that you are completely anesthetized so that you don't feel a thing. You may feel some pressure but in general, the procedure goes easier than a basic extraction and healing is usually uneventful.

How long does it take?

It usually takes about 1 hour to place a dental implant but it may take more if several are being placed at one time. There is a 3-4 month period between when implants are placed and when the dental crown or bridge is put on top.

Are they expensive?

Dental implants are cost effective when you consider how long they last. The higher fees reflect the expenses related to surgical instruments and supplies. Sometimes dental insurances help to cover the fees related to dental implants.

Do Dental Implants Fail?

Statistically, dental implants succeed 98% in the lower jawbone and 95% in the upper jaw bone with some clinicians being able to obtain success in close to 100% of cases.

Who is a candidate to receive dental implants?

Most people in generally good health with missing teeth are candidates for dental implants. Dental implants may not be right for people with uncontrolled diabetes, those who received radiation to the jaws, those who have taken osteoporosis medication for a long time and those who have other severe systemic illness.

What if I have more questions?

Call our office at 215-698-2710. We are glad to answer any questions or see you for a dental implant consultation. This page and more information can be found at www.PhilaDentist.com