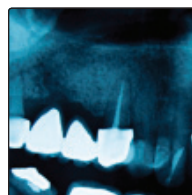


DENTAL IMPLANTS

? WHAT ARE THEY

Dental implants are a wonderful way of replacing any number of missing teeth. Implants have been around for decades (well, actually millennia – as early humans would tap ivory teeth into their jaws for better chewing), and the technology has been refined and studied so that they are mainstream, predictable, and long lasting.



[x-ray of implant]



[dental implant]

? HOW DO THEY WORK

Made of titanium, a very biocompatible material, the implant itself is surgically placed in the jaw bone, and once healed can be loaded with a crown, bridge, full or partial denture – depending on the individual case. Aside from providing very solid support to any of these types of prostheses, it also stimulates the bone so that it does not atrophy or melt away as it normally does when a natural tooth is missing. This is good not only for chewing, but for aesthetics – it is the jawbone that keeps soft tissues (lips, cheeks) in the right place rather than sunken or caved in.

! BENEFITS

While we can all agree that there is nothing more desirable than a healthy intact natural tooth, implants are certainly one of the most predictable and durable dental restorations.

For more information about dental implants, please consult your dentist.

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