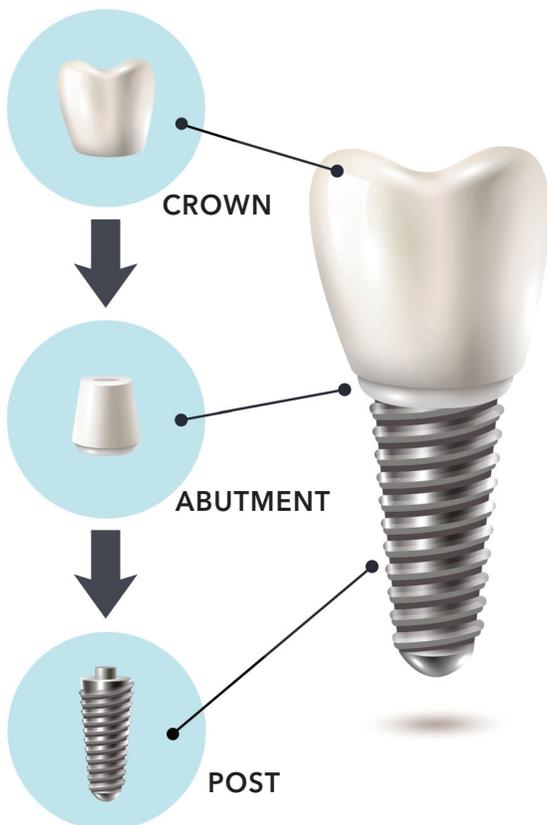


Dental Implants



What are Dental Implants

Dental implants are artificial replacements for missing teeth, or a replacement for a severely damaged tooth that needs to be removed. They simulate real teeth in many ways, perhaps most importantly in that they are permanently attached to the jaw using a screw-type post that acts as an artificial root.

Crown – The part of the implant that is visible and resembles the rest of the teeth in shape and color.

Abutment – Connects the post to the prosthetic.

Post – Artificial root that is implanted in the jawbone to secure the prosthetic in place.



Who needs Dental Implants?

Anyone with one or more missing teeth is a potential candidate for dental implants. However, according to the Mayo Clinic, there are still several factors to consider when assessing if dental implants are the right choice. Certain conditions include:

- The jawbone has reached full growth
- Adequate bone exists to secure the implants
- Healthy oral tissues
- No health conditions that might affect bone healing
- Able to commit to a several-month process
- No tobacco usage

Dental implant procedure

STEP 1: Consultation

The first step is to consult with a dentist to establish an individualized plan. This will involve a thorough examination of the mouth and x-rays. Your dentist will also establish that your mouth is in healthy condition and can withstand the procedure and healing process. If teeth need to be extracted before being replaced by an implant, that may be done during the consultation. Finally, your dentist will schedule an appointment for the surgery and give you detailed instructions on how to prepare and what to expect.

STEP 2: Surgery

Dental implant surgery may be done using local anesthesia or IV sedation. Depending on the state of your jaw, bone grafting may be necessary to provide a sufficient amount of bone tissue for the post to be implanted, which might require IV sedation. Your dentist will establish exactly how the surgery is carried out prior to the operation.

Once the anesthetic is applied, your dentist will make an incision in the gums in order to reach the jawbone underneath. Next, the dentist will drill a hole in the jawbone and then implant the post. At this point, your dentist will sew up the gums and cover the area so the healing process can begin.

STEP 3: Implantation

After the post has been surgically implanted, the jawbone and gums need some time to heal before the final steps in the process. Once it's determined that the area is healthy and the post is correctly placed, your dentist will fix an abutment to the post (the abutment is what connects the crown, or artificial tooth, to the post).

Once the abutment is in place, your dentist will take an impression of the area in order to create the crown, the prosthetic that will be visible and looks like a real tooth. Finally, the crown is either cemented or otherwise affixed to the abutment.

Recovery

After the surgery, initial healing and final implantation are complete, your mouth will need a little time to fully recover. During the first few days or weeks it's important to avoid hard, crunchy food. There's no set recovery time for dental implant surgery as it depends on the specifics of each case.

Your dentist will be able to provide you an estimate of how long it will take for your mouth to return to normal.

Implants Cost

Some dental insurance plans will cover a portion of the total cost for implants. Additionally, Brush Rinse Floss has various payment options available.

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