

# Dental Implants



The ideal option for tooth  
replacement

At Tyler Periodontics & Dental Implants, our periodontists are board certified specialists uniquely trained in the treatment of gum tissues & in the placement of dental implants. Let us help you on your tooth replacement journey & achieving optimal oral health.

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## What is a Dental Implant?

Dental implants are a modern, long-lasting solution for replacing missing teeth. An implant is a small titanium or zirconia post that is gently placed into the jawbone, where it fuses with the bone. Once healed, a crown, bridge, or denture is attached to restore function and appearance. Implants look, feel, and function much like natural teeth.

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# The Implant Treatment Process

Getting a dental implant is a carefully planned process designed to meet your unique needs. Your periodontist will work closely with your general dentist to ensure the best long-term result & ideal treatment outcomes. Here's what to expect:

## 1. Consultation & Planning

- An initial consultation including a periodontal exam, imaging, & discussion of all options for your case.
- CBCT scan (3D x-ray) is taken to evaluate your bone & anatomy.
- If needed, a custom surgical guide is designed to plan the precise placement of your implant.
- If needed, sinus lifts or bone buildup procedures may be discussed & planned.

## 2. Extraction & Site Preparation

- In some cases, a tooth extraction will be performed in preparation for placement of an implant. Bone grafting will be done in conjunction with extraction.

## 3. Implant Placement Surgery

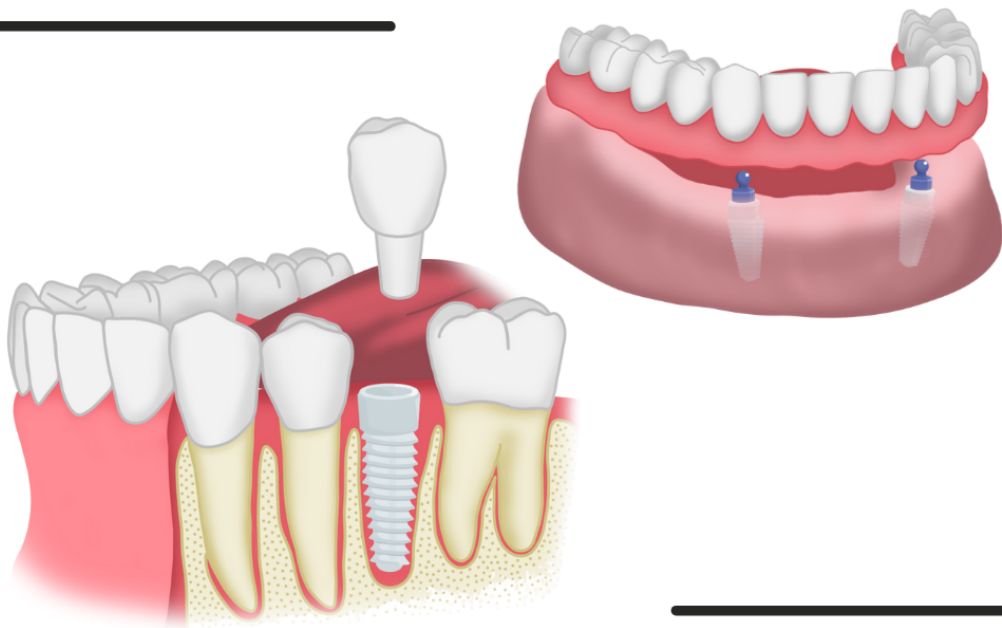
- The implant post is gently placed into the jawbone, using the surgical guide for precision.
- The implant serves as a replacement tooth root.

## 4. Healing & Integration

- Over the next few months, the implant fuses with your bone in a natural process called osseointegration.
- You may wear a temporary tooth for replacement during healing.

## 5. Restoration

- Once the implant is fully healed, your general dentist will place the custom-made crown, bridge, or denture on the implant(s).
- The result looks, feels, & functions like a natural tooth.



## Benefits of Dental Implants

**Appearance** - The replacement tooth looks & feels natural; it will be indistinguishable as compared to your natural teeth, restoring your natural smile & confidence! Implants also provide improved support for dentures, significantly enhancing function.

**Predictability** - Implants have a high success rate & remain stable for many years. Smoking & periodontal disease may reduce longevity of implants in some patients.

**Comfortable & Confident** - Implants fuse to your jawbone, creating stability that improves your daily oral functions, including eating, talking, & smiling.

**Stable Oral Health** - The appearance, predictability, comfort, & confidence provided by dental implants helps create a stable, long-term tooth replacement option that you can trust.

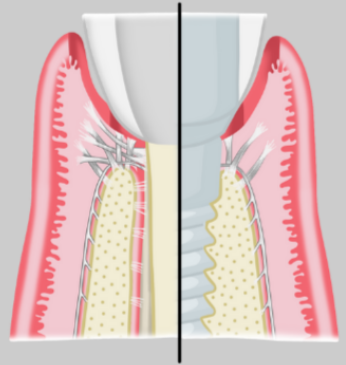
**Don't compromise when it comes to tooth replacement.**

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# Maintenance & Care

Dental implants are designed to last for many years, but just like natural teeth, they require daily care and professional monitoring to stay healthy. Proper maintenance helps protect the gums and bone around your implant and prevents complications.

- Brush & floss daily, as instructed by your dental provider
- Avoid smoking
- Continue in routine professional cleanings
- Annual implant check-ups, including exam & x-rays to monitor for health



With consistent care and regular follow-up, your dental implant can provide a strong, healthy, and beautiful replacement tooth for many years to come.

Every case is unique, and your periodontist will create a personalized treatment plan to ensure comfort, safety, & long-term success.



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