

# What are the Benefits of Dental Implants?

Dental implants can make a huge change in the quality of your life. Whether it is the replacement of one tooth with an implant and crown, or the replacement of all the teeth in your arch with several implants and a hybrid fixed prosthesis.

If you have dentures, they can be made secure using implants to anchor them in. You will still need to take them out to clean them but since they stay in place the need for any adhesives is gone.

The replacement of complete dentures to a complete hybrid fixed prosthesis attached to implants in any patient can be life changing. This is the replacement of a full arch of teeth using implants for anchors and a prosthesis that is screwed to the implant's/abutment's anchors.

Implants help maintain your bone and help prevent the further loss of bone that can occur after the loss of teeth. If they are cleaned/maintained and your health remains good, they can last a lifetime.

Sometimes the choice of doing a root canal therapy to save a tooth is a good choice. Sometimes extracting the tooth and replacing it with an implant is better. If a tooth is essentially sound with good root structure, and root canal therapy can be a great choice. This will usually be accompanied by a crown if there is a chance of fracture of the tooth. Sometimes a tooth has a significant amount of missing tooth structure and will also need a build-up or post and core procedure to allow enough foundation to fabricate a crown. In a case like this, the extraction and post and core procedure may have a similar fee to an implant placement. Since both require crowns, and those fees for an implant or a tooth are essentially the same, sometimes an implant replacement for the root is a better choice.

Implants Advantages:

- 1) Implants do not decay.
- 2) Implants will not fracture like a tooth (there is a very slight chance of implant fracture but very rare).
- 3) The fee for a post and core build-up and an abutment to restore the implant are about the same.
- 4) Implants, once integrated into the bone, can last the rest of your life.

Implant Disadvantages:

- 1) There is a slight increase in the fee to replace a tooth with an implant, including the extraction of the remaining root.
- 2) Implants can fail, but have an extremely high success rate of 90 to 98%, depending on the location, after 10 years.
- 3) Implants take time to heal and osseointegrate into the bone. This delay is not really a disadvantage but more of an inconvenience.

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