

# What is the cost for dental implants?

Dental implants are a tooth root replacement "anchor." There are separate fees for the placement of the implant(s) by the Prosthodontist, Periodontist or Oral Surgeon and the subsequent restoration of the implant(s) by the Prosthodontist. Generally, the fee for a crown is very similar to a crown on a tooth, but requires an abutment ("post") that connects the implant to the crown. The fee for a denture or a partial denture is usually the same, except in cases where additional reinforcement is indicated and may increase the fee.

**Implant Site Evaluation and Placement of the implant** - Every case is different and a complete evaluation with a diagnosis and treatment plan designed for your situation is necessary. As a Prosthodontist, I will complete a full and detailed oral exam, photos, diagnostic casts, and diagnostic mounting of the casts (to simulate your oral situation) as necessary, as well as radiographic ("x-rays") evaluation as needed. In addition, special radiographic imaging, called a CBCT (Cone Beam Computerized Tomography) is used to get a 3-dimensional view of all your bone, teeth (if present), nerves and maxillary (upper jaw) sinuses. This is used to evaluate your foundation available to place implants. Sometimes, bone grafting before or during implant placement is needed for a good result. At this point options for care can be discussed and a treatment plan based on your mouth and desires can be developed and implemented.

Depending on who places the implants, how many implants are placed, your available bone and locations of implants, your medical condition, your oral habits, as well as other considerations, the fees for the implant(s) will necessarily vary, as adjunctive procedures may be indicated for a successful result. For straight forward cases, Dr. Hummert will design the plan and have fees ready when you, the patient, have decided on what path you decide for care. When the condition presents for more complicated cases, the surgical services fees will be estimated by the surgeon, the Periodontist or Oral Surgeon, and they will decide on the surgical related fees. They will discuss the placement process, and their fees with you as well as the time for healing and finally the restoration. Dr. Hummert will present his fees for the restorative phase(s).

Restoration - Depending on what is attached to that implant anchor will vary the fee for restoration. Generally, an implant can act as a single tooth (crown), as part of a multiple tooth restoration (bridge), or as a part of a retentive or supportive element for a bridge, partial denture, or complete denture. In addition, as discussed above, depending on the complexity these fees can vary. So, after complete evaluation, diagnosis and treatment planning, fees can be given for your particular situation.

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**If you have any questions about implant fees, please feel free to ask us.**