

DENTAL IMPLANTS



What is a dental implant?

A dental implant serves as the root of your new tooth. An implant is placed into the jaw bone by your Oral Surgeon. Over a couple of months the implant integrates with the bone, then a crown can be fitted on top of the implant to look and feel like a natural tooth.

Dental implants are widely considered to be the most successful method of tooth replacement used today. Because an implant is fixed into your jaw (like your natural teeth) it makes them more comfortable than dentures and brings back the full function of natural teeth.

Dental implants are a long lasting and proven solution. With proper care and good oral hygiene, implants can last a lifetime.

Time Line

Your dental implant process is usually divided into 3 stages:

Stage 1: Placement of the implant into the jaw bone by your surgeon

The gum tissue is sutured over the site and the implant is left to integrate with the bone for about 3 months.

Stage 2: Uncovering the implant

This is a very minor procedure done by your surgeon. The implant is x-rayed and then tested by your surgeon to check that integration with the bone has taken place. An abutment is then placed which protrudes through the gum. Your dentist can then go ahead with Stage 3.

Stage 3: Crown placement

This is usually done by your dentist. Your dentist can now access the implant without any pain or surgery. Your dentist will change abutments to take a series of impressions, which are then sent to a dental lab for the crown to be colour matched and processed ready for final fitting.

Your dentist will discuss 3rd Stage costs with you.



Cost estimate

The approximate cost for one dental implant stages 1 and 2 is \$3500. Other costs may be incurred for stage 1 (i.e IV sedation); this can be discussed with your surgeon at your consultation appointment.