

# Dental Implants for Tooth Replacement

Your teeth were designed to last a lifetime, but sometimes they don't! Replacing missing teeth is important to your general health and to the health of your other teeth. Not only do you lose chewing ability when a tooth is lost, but unreplaced teeth can cause other teeth to be lost, tipped or crowded and create subsequent problems. Also, there are the obvious problems of poor appearance and loss of self-esteem caused by one or more missing teeth.

Dental implants should always be considered as an option to replace a failing or missing tooth. Replacement of lost teeth with dental implants has been used for treating missing teeth for more than 50 years and is recognized as an effective treatment choice. Treatment is considered more predictable than bridgework, resin bonded bridges and endodontic treatment.

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## **Q** *What are dental implants?*

Dental implants are substitutes for the roots of missing teeth. They act as an anchor for a replacement tooth or "crown" or a set of replacement teeth.

## **Q** *Am I a candidate for a dental implant?*

Implant patients are of all ages and implants may be the right choice for anyone missing one or more or even all of their teeth due to injury, disease or decay. They are especially practical for patients who can no longer wear removable dentures. Your dentist can determine if you are a candidate for dental implants after a careful evaluation of your dental and medical history.

## *Are there different kinds of implants?*

**Q** There are many shapes, sizes and brands of implants available. Your AAID credentialed implant dentist will know which implant is the right one for you.

## **Q** *Do I have enough bone?*

It is important for a patient to have enough bone to support the implant. If you do not have enough bone, there are many safe and effective ways to correct bone deficiency. Your dentist will assess this and advise you if additional bone material is needed.

## **Q** *Will this take a long time?*

Treatment time can vary greatly depending on your needs. Each situation needs a separate evaluation; your AAID dentist will be able to give you an approximate timetable.

## **Q** *Whom should I consult for my implant treatment?*

Your general dentist is your first resource for this service. The key is the implant dentist's training, experience and credentials. AAID credentialed dentists include general dentists, periodontists, prosthodontists and oral surgeons who perform the surgical and/or restorative procedures.



## *The AAID connection:*

The American Academy of Implant Dentistry is the world's oldest professional organization dedicated to the advancement of implant dentistry. The Academy's goal is to maintain the highest standards of practice and education by supporting research and maintaining a forum for the exchange of comprehensive implant knowledge. AAID members are committed to superior patient care.

Established in 1951, AAID has more than 2,200 members around the globe. AAID maintains a standardized peer-reviewed examination process that awards the statuses of Associate Fellow and Fellow. AAID is also the sponsoring organization of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry, which confers Diplomate status to eligible implant dentists following successful written and oral examinations.

AAID is the **ONLY** implant organization that offers court-protected credentials.

AAID credentials assure you that your implant dentist or dental team is experienced in many and varied types of implant treatment.

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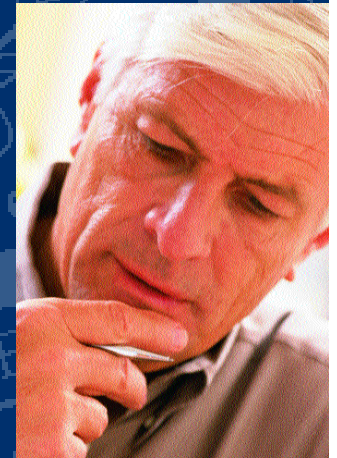
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