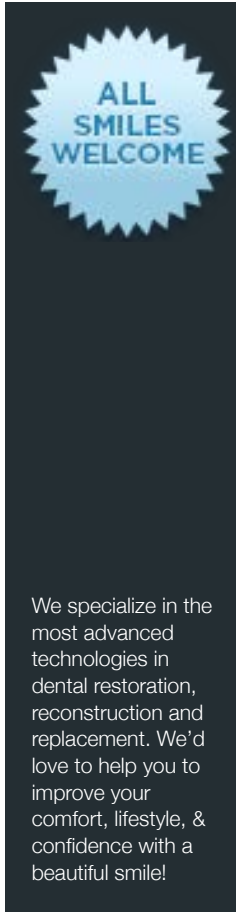


THE DENTAL IMPLANT GUIDE





The Incredible Success of Dental Implants



Dental implants have been used by dentists for decades to replace missing teeth, with a greater than 95% success rate. The small number of problems that can occur with dental implants are usually related to infection or cosmetic issues, which are treatable and correctable.

Dental implants are probably the most successful procedure done in dentistry. When a tooth is lost, the bone in the jaw is lost. Loss of bone in the jaw can lead to a collapse of facial bone and muscles, creating a turned down mouth and sunken jaw look.

Dental implants actually stimulate bone growth and help to preserve the natural contours of the face. It's the body's own powers of healing that make the dental implant such an extraordinary tool for both the dentist and the patient.

Dental Implants: Natural Healing

In much the same way that your skin closes to heal a wound, or a broken bone mends while in a cast, a dental implant allows your own bone to grow around the post of the implant to create a new tooth that feels and acts like a natural tooth. This process is called osseointegration. Because of this natural healing process, anyone who is reasonably healthy is a candidate for dental implants.

The Anatomy of a Dental Implant

There are three parts to a dental implant:

The Implant Post (fixture) - The dental implant post is a titanium screw that is put into the jaw, below the gum line, to replace the root of the original tooth. It is also the foundation for the new tooth. This is the part of the implant that stimulates bone growth. The bone grows around the implant, anchoring it securely in place.

The Abutment - The abutment is a small, metal post that is added to the implant. The abutment extends above the gum line. The new tooth, or crown, will be attached to the abutment.

The Crown - The crown, which is created to look like a natural tooth, is placed over the abutment.



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The Dental Implant Procedure

Consultation and Examination - The first step is making an appointment to see if you are a good candidate for Dental Implants.

An examination will be done and an x-ray taken, to make sure that you have enough bone in your jaw to support a dental implant.

The dentist needs to have a good picture of your general health, including a list of any prescription medications you take and any medical issues you may have (like a heart murmur) to determine if you might need antibiotics before the procedure.

Preparation for the Procedure - the dentist may ask you not to eat or drink the night before, and the morning of, the procedure. The placement of the titanium screw can be done with a local anesthetic or general anesthetic. If you are having general anesthesia, you will need someone to accompany you and drive you home after the procedure.

Placing the Implant - The complete procedure involves the dentist first removing the damaged tooth or teeth, then preparing the jawbone for the placement of the implant. Sometimes the abutment and a temporary crown is put into place. This procedure is called Teeth-in-a-Day, because the patient leaves with a temporary tooth in place.

“

I am happy to recommend Dr. Stone. He is the best dentist of many I have endured. He is honest, wise, charming, his advice is always thoughtful and right. My implants are wonderful!”

— Marion G. Wells

Care After Implant Placement - There may be some swelling and discomfort after the procedure, which can be relieved with an over-the-counter pain reliever like ibuprofen. When the osseointegration process is complete, and the implant has been successfully anchored into the jaw, the permanent crown will be put into place.





Fantastic Dental Specialist! Dr. John Stone has performed a lot of complex dentistry on me, including tooth removal (for upcoming dental implant that he will do), easily repaired broken teeth (painless!) In fact, Dr. Stone has identified these serious problems and alerted me to having them fixed. Dr. Stone's practice also offers bi-annual dental cleanings with their wonderful and ever pleasant hygienist.

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Dental Implant Care

Regular brushing, flossing and dental check-ups will keep implants healthy and looking wonderful.

All-on-4 Dental Implants

Dental implants can help make dentures more comfortable and secure. Instead of a set of teeth that needs to be held in place with adhesives, All-on-4s are a bottom or top set of teeth that are held in place by 4 or more implants.



The advantage of All-in-4 Dental Implants over conventional dentures are that they:

- Feel more like natural teeth than dentures
- Do not have to be taken out to clean
- Do not require adhesives
- Are more comfortable than conventional dentures because they don't press down or slide on the gums
- Provide increased ability to chew and bite
- Don't interfere with the taste or texture of foods
- Prevent bone loss
- Help to restore the facial features caused by bone loss

Dental Implants can secure a complete set of dentures or a bridge of several missing teeth.

Mini Dental Implants

Mini Dental Implants are an alternative to traditional Dental Implants for patients who have experienced bone loss in the jaw or are having an Implant placed in a narrow area of the mouth.



Mini Dental Implants are a single unit, with a ball, or adaptor, on top.

Mini Dental Implants, also called Small Diameter Implants (SDIs), are made of the same strong titanium as traditional Dental Implants but are only about as narrow as a wooden toothpick. They come in different lengths, to accommodate the shape and size of each individual jaw.

How are Mini Dental Implants Used?

Mini Dental Implants are often used to secure dentures or to replace a single tooth that is toward the back of the mouth, in a very narrow space.

Since a traditional Dental Implant is placed in a wider and deeper space than a Mini Dental Implant, the traditional Dental Implant can withstand more force. Mini Dental Implants are still strong enough to secure front teeth and other teeth that aren't subject to the force of continual chewing or grinding. They are also strong enough to secure dentures.

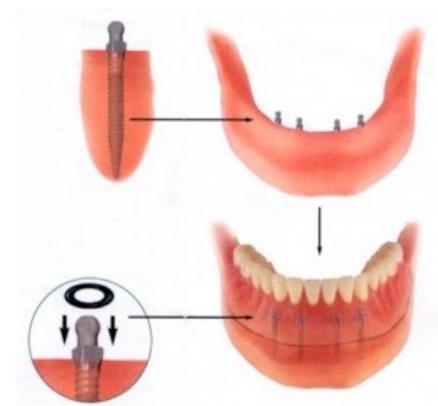
Four to six Mini Dental Implants can secure an upper or lower denture. Existing dentures can be retro-fitted to be placed onto Mini Dental Implants. Dentures secured by Mini Dental Implants can be removed for easy cleaning and still remain stable when put in place.

How are Mini Dental Implants Placed?

The procedure to place Mini Dental Implants is similar, but simpler, than placing traditional Dental Implants. Because they are so narrow, just a simple passage is needed into which to place the implant. Healing time is much faster with Mini Dental Implants and dentures or a permanent crown can be placed on the implant immediately.

How Much Do Mini Dental Implants Cost?

One of the biggest advantages of Mini Dental their cost. They are about half the price of traditional Dental Implants. According to the Dental Implant Cost Guide a single Mini Dental Implant costs, on average, about \$1000. That's less than half the cost of a single traditional Dental Implant.



Dentures fit right onto Mini Dental Implants.

Implants vs. Dentures

Some things to consider when deciding if dental implants are a good choice for you:

Implants	Dentures
Placed in jawbone, so implant is secure and stable	Secured with adhesive, so can slip and cause discomfort, embarrassment
Implant stimulates bone growth, enhancing facial structure and contour of jaw and face	Sit on top of gums, contributing to bone loss and facial collapse
Look and feel natural	If not fit properly, can cause abrasions, even calluses on gums
Stability allows chewing of all foods	May limit diet to softer foods, can compromise nutritional health
Enable chewing of all foods	Upper denture plate covers palate; impedes taste, ability to distinguish hot and cold foods
Brush and floss like natural teeth	Must be removed daily for cleaning
Last 20 or more years	May need replacement when jaw, face contour changes shape with age
Higher initial cost than dentures	Lower initial cost than implants
Dental insurance may not cover implants, but may contribute denture cost to implants	May be covered by dental insurance
Initial high cost may be offset by long life of implant	Initial lower cost may be offset by cost of care products and need for eventual replacement



Avoid Cheap Dental Implants

The success rate of Dental Implants is high...if they are done right. Cheap dental implants, offered in clinics from Tampa to Tijuana, come with some risk.



Quality care, expertise and teamwork all contribute to the success of dental implants. Here are some of the reasons why getting cheap Dental Implants can wind up being very costly:

Initial Assessment - Placing dental implants must begin with an assessment by your dentist or prosthodontist, to make sure you are a good candidate for implants. A clinic in Tijuana may provide transportation to and from the Mexican border, but they probably won't take the time to assess your

medical status, make sure your bones and surrounding tissue are healthy, plan follow-up care or establish a trusting doctor-patient relationship.

A Solid Team - Dental implants require a team approach. Not only is the patient a part of the team, but so are the clinic and lab staff. Going to a clinic that does wholesale procedures won't give you the trust and support you need to help you through the process from start to finish.



Exact Placement - Dental implants must be properly placed, so that they fit and heal properly. The first step is an x-ray. A panoramic x-ray or CT Scan allows your prosthodontist to see exactly where to place your implant. If this isn't done, your teeth may never fit properly. Implants can fail if a dentist does not properly analyze the bone correctly and misaligns the implant.

Skill and Knowledge - It takes skill, precision and patience to make an opening in which to place the implant. In a do-it-fast-, get-them-in-and-out clinic, this vital step is not always done as carefully as it should be, resulting in an implant that may not stay in place and will result in failure.

It's a Process - The body's own healing process makes the implant strong and permanent. This process can take a few months to complete. It's

possible to do Teeth-in-a-Day, but this is a temporary solution that needs follow up... not something that can be done in one trip to Tijuana.

Aesthetics - You want your teeth to look perfect and getting them perfect takes artistry and expertise. We have a lab in our office, so that our technicians can get the aesthetics just right. We want you to leave looking your best. Some clinics just want you to leave... not matter how you look.



Expertise - All surgeries, no matter how simple, come with some risks. You want a prosthodontist who is experienced in every aspect of the procedure, from start to finish. Being able to work with a team you can trust and will be there when you need them, can mean the difference between success and failure.

Total Health - Dental implants not only have to look good; they have to work with the rest of the teeth to make sure that you can eat, drink and breathe properly. Only good follow-up and continued care can ensure that your results are perfect.

Technical Competence - Much research has, and is, being done on the materials used for dental implants. Your prosthodontist should be knowledgeable about current research and the best options for each patient. You don't want cheap, low-cost materials in your mouth which can cause infection and ultimate failure of the implant.

Follow-Up Care - The success of Dental Implants are a team effort. The team consists of the doctor, the patient and staff. The more knowledgeable you are about how to care for dental implants, the better the outcome. Follow-up care, by the patient and staff, is crucial to obtaining a favorable outcome. **And we will be with you from start to finish.**



The Cost of Dental Implants

The cost of dental implants is determined by many factors, including:

- the expertise of the practitioner performing the implant
- materials used
- preparation procedures, such as tooth extraction or bone grafting,
- number of implants needed
- laboratory costs
- type of implant: for example, an implant to replace a single tooth or an implant to hold a bridge or denture

The price of dental implants varies with materials and procedures, so it's difficult to give an exact cost, unless a consultation and assessment is done first.

According to DentalImplantCostGuide.com, **the average completed dental implant, in the U.S., costs about \$4250.** Dental Implants can also be used to support bridges and dentures. The average cost of a complete set of dentures, supported by dental implants, is about \$34,000.



Our office makes every effort to provide superior service and materials while keeping the implants as affordable as possible for our patients.

Additional procedures that can add to the cost of implants include:

- X-rays
- CT Scan
- Tooth extraction
- Bone graft
- Surgical guides
- Barrier membranes

Dental Implants have a high success rate and, with proper care, should last a lifetime, so they are a good investment. They might be the most successful treatment we do in dentistry.

An increasing number of insurance companies are beginning to recognize the long-term benefits of dental implants and will provide some coverage toward their cost.

Our office works with CareCredit®, a company that offers low, monthly payment plans for healthcare procedures that are not commonly covered by insurance, like dental implants. **Contact us for details.**



My dental philosophy is to provide the highest quality of care possible.”

Dr. John C. Stone, DDS

Dental Implant Expertise

Dr. Stone is a Prosthodontist who specializes in placing dental implants. He has over 30 years of experience and teaches dental implant procedures to dentists in two colleges in South Florida. He has put together a team of experts, and an on-site laboratory, so that he can provide the best care and create the most esthetically perfect dental implants possible, in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

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