

Frequently Asked Questions

How much pain will I experience?

Usually minimal to none. While undergoing treatment, you will receive local anesthesia. You may have mild post-surgical soreness for up to 72 hours. An over-the-counter pain reliever will alleviate the discomfort for most patients.

What will the appearance of my mouth look like during my treatment?

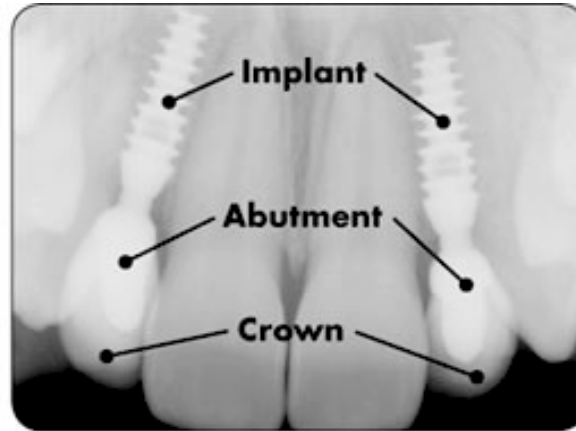
During treatment, we will provide you with a transitional prosthesis that will have the look and feel that you need during this period of healing. With the Bicon implant, it is often possible to have a fixed transitional tooth immediately after the placement of the implant.

How much time is required to have an implant procedure?

A single dental implant placement is usually completed in less than an hour as an office procedure with local anesthesia. The implant is then allowed to heal with the bone for a minimum of eight weeks. If you have poor quality bone and bone-grafting procedures are necessary, the overall process can take up to 12 months or more. We will determine which surgical procedure is best for you.

How do I properly maintain the implant once treatment is completed?

Ironically, dental implants require less maintenance than a natural tooth. Simply brush it as though it were a natural tooth.



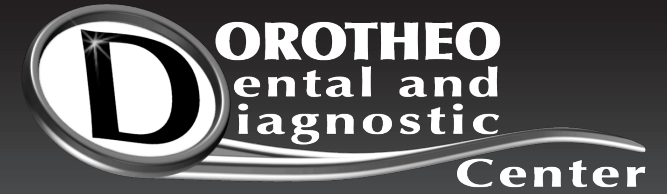
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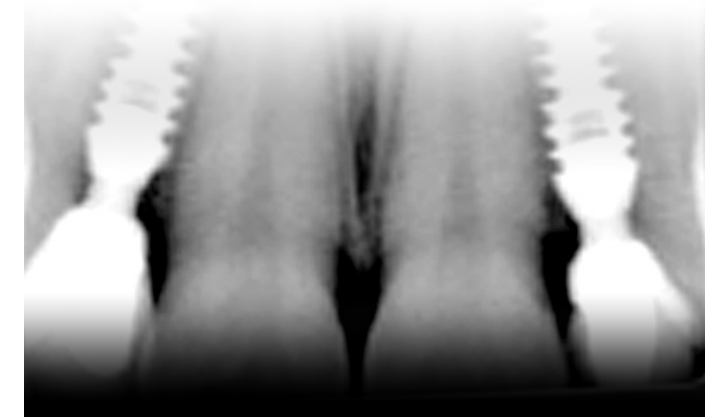
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Dental Implants



What is a dental implant?

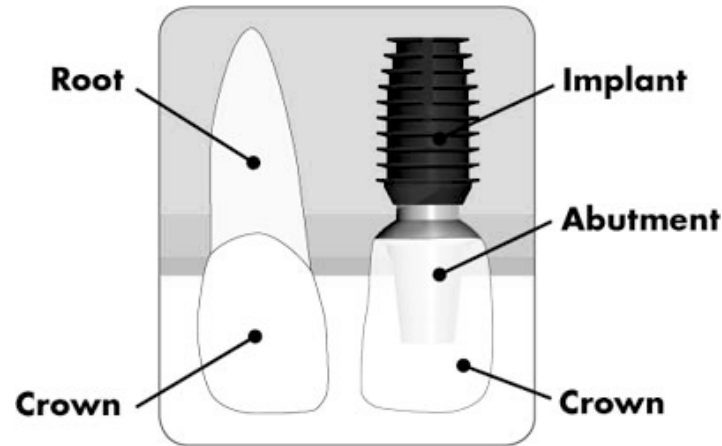
If you are missing one or more teeth and wish to eat your favorite foods, increase your chewing ability, and improve your appearance, speech, and self-esteem, then you are a candidate for dental implants.

A dental implant replaces the root of a missing tooth and is made from surgical-grade titanium alloy to exacting specifications. Initially, the implant is placed into the jawbone either immediately after the loss of a tooth, or after an extended period of time. If there is insufficient bone, various bone enhancing procedures can be performed prior to the implant placement. An abutment, which acts as a base for a prosthetic tooth replacement such as a crown, is inserted into the implant at the time of implant placement, or subsequently after a period of healing.

In the past, dentists would try to keep or replace teeth with treatments such as root canals, bridges, and fixed or removable dentures. Unfortunately, a significant number of root canal treated teeth fail, bridges require that healthy adjacent teeth be cut down and removable dentures can often be unstable and require the use of sticky adhesives. Dental implants are a solution to these problems, and many of the concerns associated with natural teeth are eliminated, including dental decay.

The placement of a dental implant is typically completed in less than an hour, as an office procedure with only local anesthesia. Post-operative discomfort is normally less than that of a tooth extraction. For aesthetic reasons, it is often possible to have a fixed transitional restoration immediately after implant placement so that you are never without a tooth. After a period of three to six months of healing, the temporary healing abutment is removed from the implant and a final abutment is inserted into the implant. A crown or removable denture is secured to this abutment as the final restoration.

Natural Tooth and Bicon Implant



Why choose Bicon?

The Bicon System is a unique dental implant system, offering the worldwide dental community a comprehensive solution since 1985. Bicon's engineers and clinicians have been responsible for many of the innovations in implant dentistry for decades.

Bicon's unique plateau design follows sound bioengineering principles which allow for the use of short implants. Its unique bacterially-sealed, locking taper, implant to abutment connection provides for 360° of universal abutment positioning — offering restorative flexibility unmatched by other implant systems. The sloping shoulder of the Bicon implant consistently provides for gingivally aesthetic restorations, which are easily achieved because the bone that is maintained over the shoulder of the implant provides support for the interdental papillae.

Bicon's unique design and its revolutionary clinical techniques have not only passed the test of time, but also continue to lead implant dentistry. We welcome your joining Bicon clinicians from around the world, so that both you and your patients may also enjoy the clinical benefits of Bicon.

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Am I a candidate for a dental implant?

If you are missing one or more teeth, then you may be a candidate for a dental implant. Initially, we will have a thorough discussion of your individual clinical situation. Dental implants will allow you to smile, speak, and eat with confidence and comfort.

Can a Bicon implant be used as an alternative to root canal treatment?

YES! Not all teeth are good candidates for root canal treatment. Root canal treated teeth are susceptible to decay and fracture, while implants are not susceptible to decay and almost never break. Bicon implants are an excellent and prudent alternative to the root canal, post and core, crown lengthening, and crowning procedures. Often, the cost of saving a tooth with a variety of treatments can exceed that of the placement and restoration of a Bicon implant.

Is the implant ever rejected by the body?

The implant is machined from surgical-grade titanium alloy (Ti 6Al-4V ELI), which is a biocompatible material. However, there is a slight possibility that it will not integrate with bone. If this were to occur, the implant would be replaced with another one. It is highly unlikely that the second implant would not integrate.

What if I smoke?

Smoking can inhibit proper healing of an implant. However, this does not prevent smokers from having implants successfully placed and restored. You should speak with your dentist for more specific information relating to your dental needs and the effects of smoking.