

Dental Implants & Restorations

If the thought of wearing removable dentures frightens you, then implants may be the answer for you. For people who have lost teeth, implants can provide the support for replacement teeth that look more natural and feel more secure. Implants can replace single or multiple teeth as well as help retain a full or partial denture. If you are a denture wearer, you already know about all the problems. Many times uncomfortable, often embarrassing. Eliminating certain foods from your diet for fear of an accident. Adhesives don't taste good, and they don't last more than an hour or two, anyway. At Northern Plaza Dental Care, we have surgically placed and restored hundreds of implants over the past nineteen years with extraordinary results. Implants help to restore your smile and your confidence.

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A dental implant is a small "anchor" made of titanium. It is inserted into the jawbone to take the place of your missing tooth root. After osseointegration, or when the surrounding bone has attached to the implant, a replacement tooth is secured to the top of the implant. The new tooth looks, feels, and performs just like your natural teeth.

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Dental implants can be used in a variety of situations, whether you need to replace a single missing tooth or many teeth. They can even be used to replace a full denture. As anchor points, implants can also securely attach a partial denture or bridge.

Choosing dental implants offers you a number of significant advantages including:

More healthful and beautiful: When teeth are missing, the surrounding bone begins to shrink. This unhealthy bone loss can make your jawline recede. Dental implants can help prevent deterioration of the jawbone caused by loss of teeth, so your face retains its natural shape.

As an alternative to bridgework: Dental implants eliminate the need to grind down healthy teeth when replacing one or more adjacent teeth.

More comfortable: Because dental implants are securely anchored, there is no slipping or movement as there is with dentures. This eliminates some of the key worries of dentures, including poor fit, gum irritation, and pain from exposed nerves.

More confident: With dental implants, you'll never need to cover your mouth when laughing, smiling, or speaking. You can eat your favorite foods without pain or fear of embarrassment - and taste every bite. You'll look better, feel better, and live more confidently.

If you're healthy enough to have a tooth extracted, you're probably healthy enough to have an implant - whether your missing teeth are the result of injury, disease, or decay. General good health and adequate bone in the jaw are the key

requirements. After a thorough clinical and radiographic examination, and assessment of your general health, Dr. Davantzis can tell you if implants are right for you.

The dental implant process involves several steps that take place over a time period that averages from 4 to 9 months. The typical process will include:

Initial implant placement: This procedure is typically performed in your dentist's office under either a local or general anesthesia. Dr. Davantzis places the small dental implant into your jaw. Over the next several months, bone will attach to the surface of the implant anchoring it into position. Depending on your particular case, an additional minor procedure creates an opening through which your artificial tooth will emerge.

Implant prosthetic attachment: During this phase, Dr. Davantzis painlessly attaches a prosthetic "post" to the implant. A simple impression will be taken and over the next few days an artificial tooth will be created for a functional natural restoration.

Since dental implants look and feel like natural teeth, they naturally enhance your appearance. More importantly, the securely attached implant gives you the confidence of eating what you like, speaking easily and clearly, and freedom from embarrassment. And, by following a regular routine of careful oral hygiene and regular checkups, your implants can last for many years.

To find out if implants are a solution for you, please call or email our office today to schedule an appointment for an evaluation and consultation.

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