

Frequently Asked Questions

Mini Dental Implants

Q: What is a dental implant?

A: A dental implant is a metal fixture (usually a screw) that is placed into the jaw bone. It acts as a support for a false tooth or a set of false teeth. The fixture fuses with the jaw bone (osseointegration).

Q: What are implants made of?

A: Implants are made of commercially and medically pure Titanium. This is the same metal that has been successfully used in hip replacements for many years.

Q: What are the advantages of implants?

A: Dental implants provide a number of benefits for people seeking alternatives and solutions to the problems created by tooth loss. These benefits include:

- Renewed ability to chew and speak properly
- Restoration of facial aesthetics
- Preservation of remaining jaw bone structure
- Reduction of possible gum problems and infections
- Increased confidence and self esteem as a result of all of the above.

Q: Who is a candidate for dental implants?

A: Anyone in reasonable health who wants to replace missing teeth. You must have enough bone in the area of the missing teeth to provide for the anchorage of the implants. Some people are missing all their teeth and most of those are excellent candidates for dental implants, but today, we use implants to replace small bridges, removable partial dentures and even missing single teeth.

Q: How does the dentist determine if the patient has adequate bone?

A: Radiographic (X-Ray) examination is fundamental to determining the amount, shape and quality of the bone in the intended implant site. In some cases, the dentist may request a CAT scan, which provides a great deal of information not available in normal radiographs. The dentist might also use a special gauge to measure the width of the bone.

Q: What are the benefits of MDI implants?

A: The system is simple, versatile and also cost and time effective. Mini Implants can often be loaded on the day of surgery, where standard implants have a much longer and more costly process.

Q: What is the success rate of dental implants?

A: Success depends very much on where in the jaws the implants are placed and on the patient's health and oral hygiene. When both health and hygiene are good success rates can be very close to 100%.