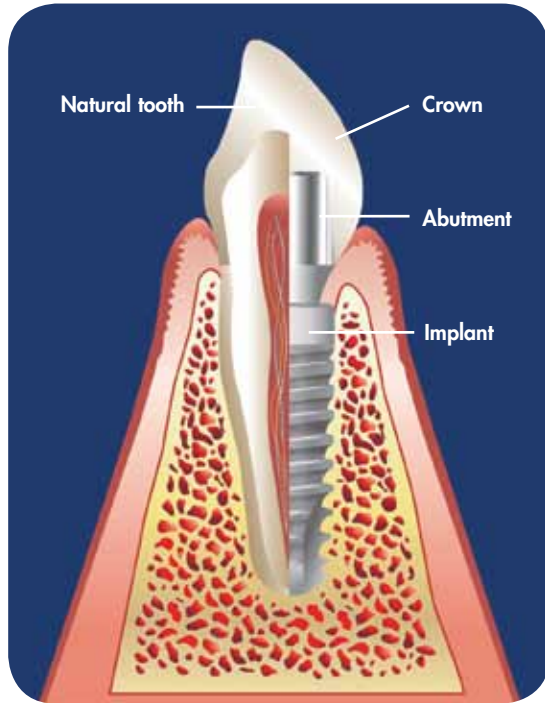


If you're missing a tooth, you're not alone.



Supported by over 25 years of research, development and clinical use, ANKYLOS® implants may be the solution for you.

An estimated 20 million¹ people in North America experience the physical and emotional effects of missing teeth.

Learn how state-of-the-art dental implant technology is making a difference.

Dental implants provide a chance for a healthy smile

Oral health and well-being are closely interrelated, and studies have shown that first impressions, self confidence and one's personality can all be correlated to their smile.²

Dental implants restore function, confidence and preserve healthy, natural teeth

Dental implants are permanent replacements for missing teeth. Unlike crown and bridge treatment, dental implants do not require the alteration of adjacent teeth. In addition, they prevent bone loss and the movement of adjacent, healthy teeth.

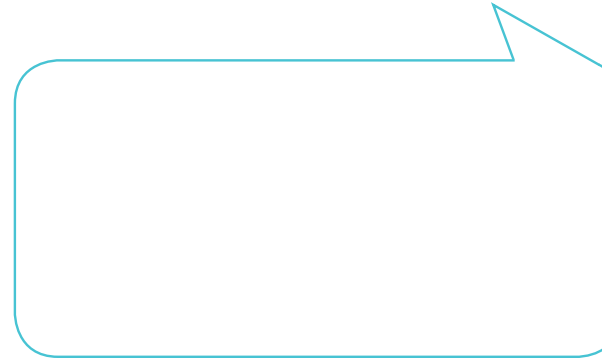
Dental implants provide long-term cost benefits

A wide variety of treatment options and expanding dental insurance coverage allow dental implants to be a more realistic option than ever before.

¹ Center for Disease Control "National Oral Health Survey" USGPO April, 2007

² Van de Geld, P et al., "Smile Attractiveness, self perception and influence on personality" Angle Orthodontists, 77(5) Sep 2007.

Learn how dental implants can help restore the function of your natural teeth — speak with your dental professional today.



Like natural teeth
— Tooth replacement with dental implants

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Like natural teeth

Are you missing one or more teeth? Or do you have difficulty eating certain foods or speaking clearly due to tooth loss? Do you suffer from the discomfort of ill-fitting dentures?

If so, dental implants may be the solution for you. Dental implants help to support replacement teeth that look, feel, and function like your natural teeth, and can offer many benefits, such as:

- Eliminate the need to grind down healthy adjacent teeth as required by traditional crown and bridge procedures.
- Help to stimulate and maintain the bone tissues in the jaw and consequently the facial structures.
- Eliminate the need for denture adhesives and the discomfort often associated with ill-fitting dentures.

Time-tested results

For over 40 years, dental implants have been used successfully in millions of people worldwide as a treatment option for missing teeth.

Dental implants from DENTSPLY Implants (ANKYLOS® Implant System, ASTRA TECH Implant System™ and XiVE® Implant System) are backed by extensive pre-clinical and clinical documentation and based on biological and biomechanical principles for reliable esthetic and functional results you can count on. The designs of these systems also allow for shorter treatment times and predictable, long-term outcomes.

Speak with your dental professional today to find out if you are a candidate for dental implants.

Treatment procedure

1. A thorough examination

The first step of dental implant therapy is a discussion with your dentist, followed by a thorough dental examination. The jaw is x-rayed to check the condition of your bone tissue and to determine the placement of the dental implant. An impression is made of your jaw and existing teeth, forming an important platform for the treatment.

2. Placing the dental implant

There are two options for dental implant placement, depending on your clinical situation. In a single-stage procedure, the dental implant is placed and a temporary abutment is attached. For a two-stage procedure, the dental implant is inserted, covered by the gum tissue, and left to heal.

The possibility for a crown to be attached the same day the implant is placed is dependent on different considerations and varies for each patient.

3. Attaching the abutment

Once the implant has fully integrated with the bone tissues:

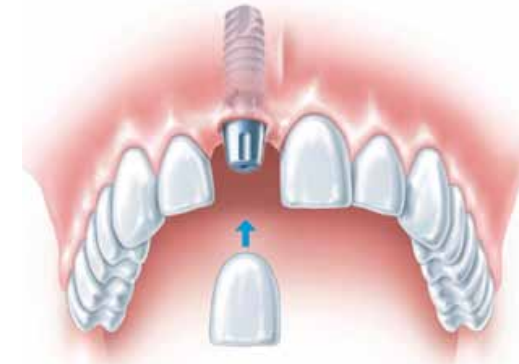
- In a single-stage procedure, the final (or permanent) abutment is placed and an impression is taken from which a dental technician will create a crown that will match your natural teeth in shape and color.
- For a two-stage procedure, a second surgery is required to reveal the dental implant for abutment placement.

4. Fitting and re-examination

When the crown is ready, it is simply attached to the abutment. This is usually followed by a few follow-up visits to ensure functionality and esthetics of your treatment.

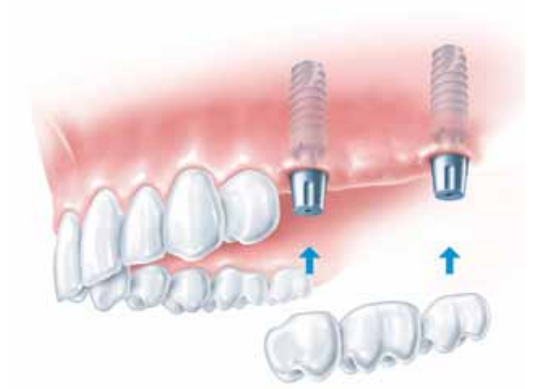
The natural tooth replacement solution

By acting as a tooth root, dental implants provide a stable foundation for replacement teeth that stay securely in place, so you can eat, speak, and smile with confidence.



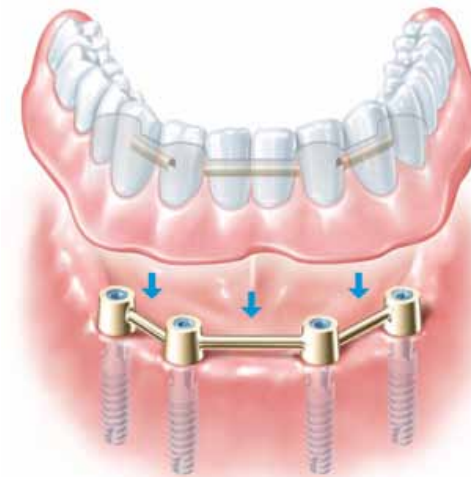
Replacing a single tooth

Dental implants are an ideal solution for replacing a single, missing tooth. They help to eliminate the need to grind down healthy adjacent teeth as required by traditional crown and bridge procedures.



...or several teeth

Implants are also an optimal solution for replacing several teeth and can be placed to support individual crowns or a single bridge. Because implants act as replacement tooth roots, support from healthy, adjacent teeth through the use of clasps or grinding is eliminated.



...or all of your teeth

In addition to looking and functioning like natural teeth, implant-supported dentures and full bridges are designed to be an effective and stable long-term solution. Implants eliminate the need for adhesives to keep dentures in place, as well as the sores and pain often associated with ill-fitting dentures. By stimulating the jawbone, implants also help to maintain the bone and the natural shape of your face.