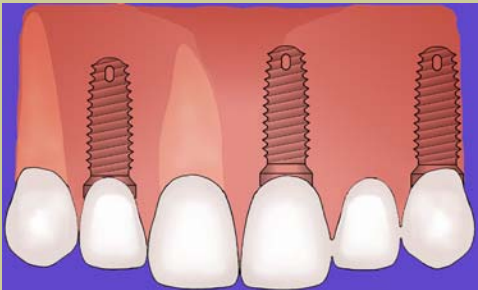
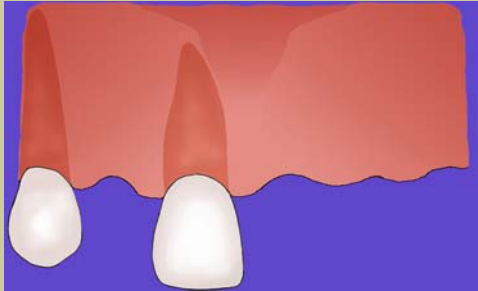


**Ask your dentist if
dental implants might
be right for you!**



Advantages of Dental Implants:

- Excellent esthetics
- Restore full chewing function
- Preserve adjacent dental tissues
- Easy to maintain
- Avoid damaging healthy teeth
- Proven long-term success

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Team Approach to Dental Implants:

Dental implant treatment involves a team effort between both your restorative dentist and your implant surgeon. Treatment should begin with the doctors and the patient understanding the precise treatment plan and the goals of this treatment.

Treatment then proceeds with placement of the implant by the implant surgeon. Dr. Ted Fields is an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon who has placed hundreds of dental implants for many different types of situations. Dr. Fields can take care of all of your surgical implant needs, and he will be happy to answer any questions or concerns about your care.

Dr. Alexia Fields began her private practice in general dentistry after completing an Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program and then teaching the same program for an additional year. Through her extensive continuing education and her private practice experience, Dr. Alexia Fields can help you select the best treatment, and provide for all your restorative implant needs.

Restorative Dentist

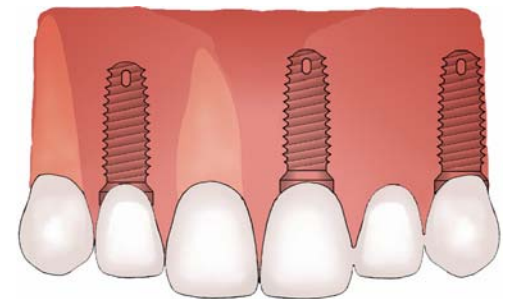
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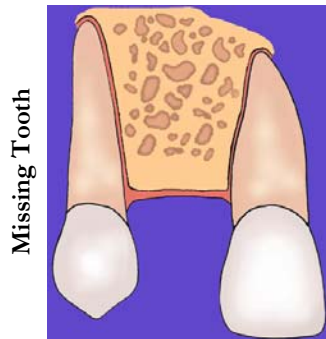
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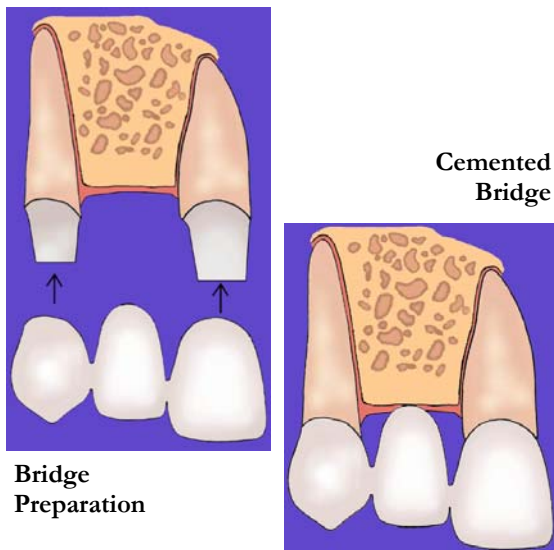
Smile Again!

If you are missing a tooth, don't worry because there are several ways to save your smile. The two best options are often a dental implant or a dental bridge.



What is a dental bridge?

To make a bridge, it is necessary to cut down the teeth on both sides of the missing tooth. Then, a "false tooth," or pontic, is soldered between two crowns. Finally, this three-unit "bridge" is cemented onto the cut-down teeth.

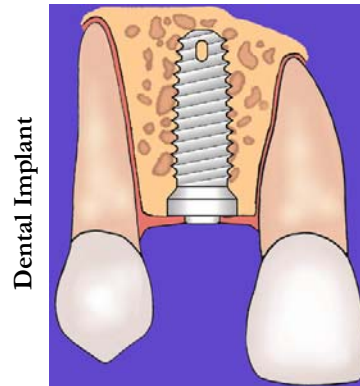


Having to cut down healthy teeth is certainly a big disadvantage of a bridge. Another disadvantage is that you can no longer floss between the false tooth and the adjacent teeth since they are soldered together.

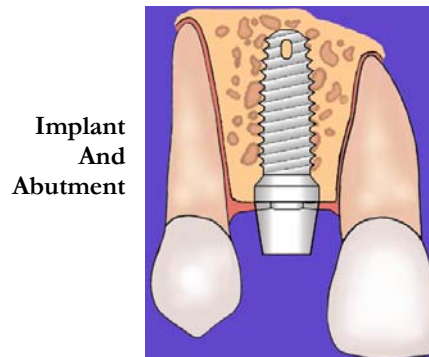
A long-term disadvantage of a bridge is that it does nothing to protect or preserve the remaining bone and soft tissues around the area of the missing tooth. Over time, this can result in a poor looking restoration that looks like it is suspended in midair.

What is a dental implant?

A dental implant is a threaded titanium metal post that is placed into the bone to replace the missing tooth root.

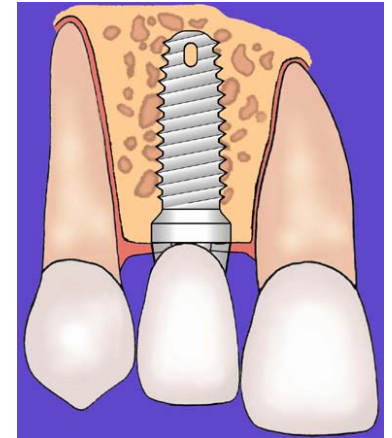


The bone will then grow right onto the surface of the implant, permanently securing it in place. After the healing is complete an abutment is then placed.



The abutment allows placement of a more natural temporary crown, and it allows your dentist to take an impression for your final, permanent crown.

Implant And Crown



Advantages of dental implants

In many instances, a dental implant can provide unequaled long-term natural and esthetic results. Since the implant crown is not soldered to adjacent teeth, a more natural shape can be achieved and dental hygiene, especially flossing, is easier.

A dental implant functions like a normal tooth. You will again be able to chew all of the foods you like without worrying about the condition of your smile.

A final, critical benefit of a dental implant is that it helps stimulate and maintain the normal bone and soft tissues around the implant. This ensures a beautiful smile that will stay beautiful for many years to come!

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