

Mississauga Dental Specialists

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Dental Implants

Dental implants are a great way to replace missing teeth and also provide a fixed solution to having removable partial or complete dentures.

Dental implants are titanium screws that are surgically placed into the upper or lower jaw bone by an Oral Surgeon or Periodontist. The teeth attached to implants are natural looking and enhance chewing and restore a patient's smile! Once secured, dental implants are strong and durable and will last many years.

In what situations are dental implants used?

Dental implants are used to replace a single missing tooth or multiple missing teeth, in order to maintain the completeness of the dentition. Dental implants are used to secure removable dentures making them more retentive. For persons who have lost all of their teeth 4-8 implants can be used to secure a full arch of artificial teeth, which either can be removed or completely secured depending upon the preference.

By replacing the missing teeth, chewing and facial esthetics is improved. Speech and digestion are restored and overall confidence is enhanced.

What does getting dental implants involve?

The process of getting implants requires a number of visits over several months.

1. **Assessment**

X-rays and impressions are taken of the jaw and teeth to determine bone, gum tissue, and spacing available for an implant.

2. **Surgical Placement of the implant**

While the area is numb, the implant will be surgically placed into the bone and allowed to heal and integrate itself into the bone for up to six months. Depending on the type of implant, a second surgery may be required in order to expose the implant head that will hold the artificial tooth in place.

3. **Restoration of the teeth**

After exposure of the implant, the artificial teeth are made and fitted to the post portion of the anchor. Because several fittings may be required, this step may take one to two months to

complete. After several trials, the artificial teeth are securely attached to the implant, providing excellent stability and comfort to the patient.

4. **After care**

You will receive care instructions when your treatment is completed. Good oral hygiene and eating habits, alongside regular dental visits, will increase the success rate of your new implant.

If you have questions about dental implants or would like to schedule a consultation, please contact our office.