

Single Dental Implants

Dental implants provide a long lasting, aesthetic and comfortable option to replacing them.

Regardless of whether you are missing a front or back teeth, single tooth implants can replace what you have lost without uncomfortable dentures or destructive bridges. Dental implants are technologically the best replacement which can replace natural teeth.

What is a Dental Implant?

A Dental Implant is a screw that is placed into the bone in your jaw that acts like a root of a tooth. It is the anchor that a Porcelain Crown is then placed upon.

Teeth are securely fixed to your Dental Implant, and only your Dentist can remove your teeth for cleaning, repair or replacement. The Dental Implant is the foundation, the part you do not see.

Benefits of a Dental Implant

- Better looking smile with no gaps
- No need for uncomfortable dentures or bridgework
- Preserve your jawbone
- Stops adjacent teeth from shifting and crowding
- Long lasting results
- Permanently fixed
- Feels and functions like a real tooth

What is involved?

For a Single Dental Implant, treatment usually takes between 3-5 months, or somewhere in between.

There are three general phases of implant treatment:

Placement of the implant:

The implant is surgically placed into the jawbone. There is some discomfort after the procedure but this is usually less than having a tooth taken out and can be easily managed with medication. A diet of soft foods is recommended during the healing process.

The healing process:

What makes an implant so strong is that the bone actually grows around it and holds it in place. This process takes time. Some patients might need to wait until the implant is completely healed, up to several months, before replacement teeth can be attached to the implant.

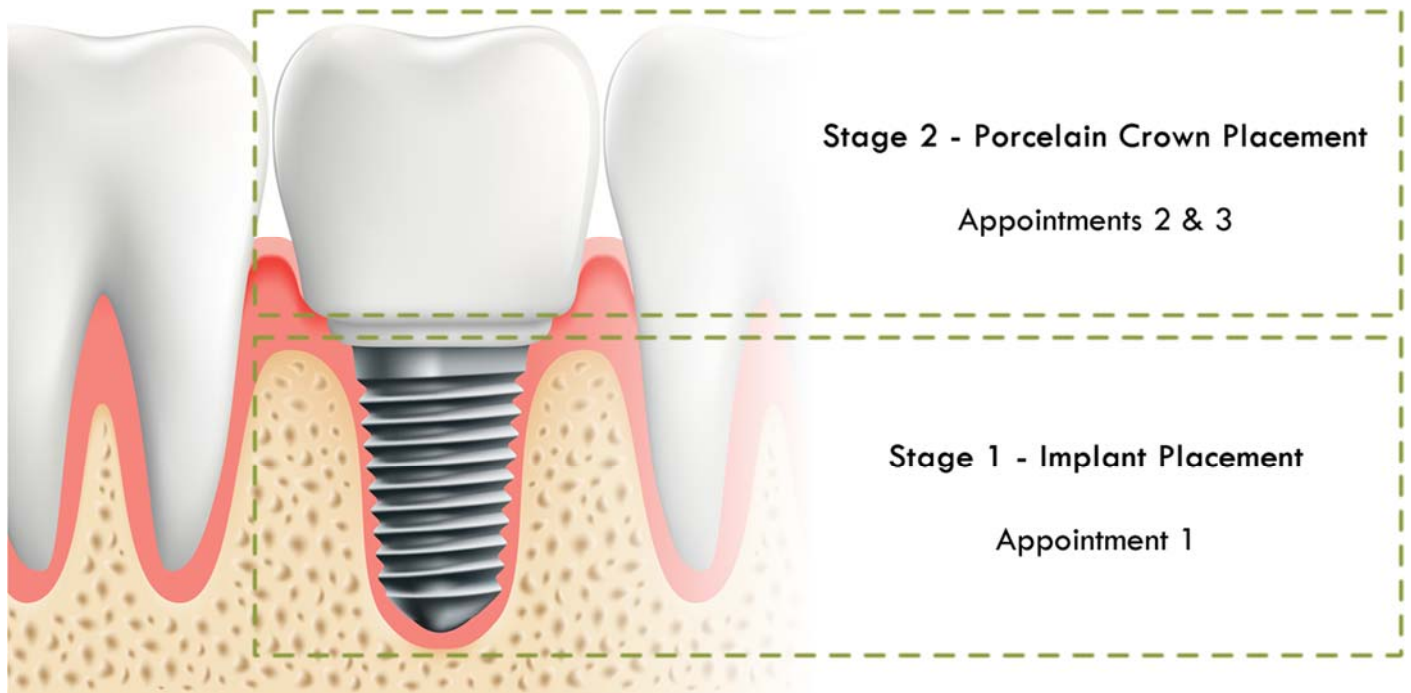
Other patients can have the implants and replacement teeth placed all in one visit. The healing period depends on the clinical situation on a case by case basis.

Replacing your missing tooth or teeth (prosthesis):

A custom-made porcelain crown will be constructed to fit your mouth and your implants. Once completed, the man-made teeth are attached to the implant post.

The prosthesis usually takes some time to make. In the meantime, you may require a temporary crown, bridge or denture. This can help you eat and speak normally until the permanent replacement is ready.





Stage 1 – Implant Placement

Appointment 1

Prior to your appointment, we will need to send you to have a 3D scan to accurately and safely plan your implant. Initial moulds are also taken of your teeth

The implant will be placed during a single appointment and we will prescribe medication to control any discomfort



3-5 Months Healing

Stage 2 – Porcelain Crown Placement

Appointment 2

Impressions are taken of your implant and these are sent to a dental technician who makes your custom fitted porcelain crown

Appointment 3

Your porcelain crown is finally attached to your implant. A review appointment may be required several weeks later.