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### **What are dental implants?**

When a tooth cannot be restored and must be removed, there are several options for its replacement. Here at Chigwell Dental Surgery, we will advise you on your options and decide together which is the most appropriate course of action.

The usual possibilities for treatment are a removable denture, a bridge (which is fixed to the teeth next to the gap created by the removal of the tooth) or with a dental implant.

### **Why choose dental implants?**

1. Dental Implants are extremely successful and the best option for achieving a fixed natural result.
2. With advancements in the Dental Industry, we are now able to match your existing teeth exactly, leaving you with the smile you have always wanted.
3. The titanium implants are placed in the jawbone, which heals and integrates the titanium implant into the bone. Once integrated, the implant can be restored with a crown giving you a comfortable permanent solution.



### **Do missing teeth always need to be replaced?**

No, but there are several good reasons why you should. Replacing Missing Teeth will improve your appearance, make eating more comfortable and help keep your mouth and teeth straight and healthy.

## **Dental Implants**

### **Are implants safe and how long will they last?**

Dental Implants are safe and have been used by Dentists to replace teeth for many years. Although there is no lifetime guarantee, Implants will last for as long as you care for them.

### **Can implants always be used to replace missing teeth?**

This depends on the condition of your jawbone. Ezgi will investigate and be able to tell you if there is enough bone and if not, what your other options for treatment are.



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### **Do implants hurt?**

No, you will receive local anaesthetic and although you won't sense any pain during the procedure, you may only feel some slight discomfort during the week after your surgery. Your Dental team will give you instructions to ensure you know how to care for your Implant and may also give you pain relief to take home with you in case you may need it.

### **How do I care for my Implant?**

Once Implants have been placed, the jawbone will need to grow and fuse to the Implant, which normally takes a few months. In some cases, the Implants are stable enough soon after placement, which mean the definitive crowns can be fitted sooner. During the healing time, you will be fitted with a temporary solution if necessary and should care for the area like any other surgical site maintaining good oral hygiene practice.

Implants are not available on the NHS. Please ask at reception or from your dentist about costs.