

# Dental Implant Surgery

What are dental implants? A long-term solution to replace missing teeth.

## Benefits of dental implants



Fewer diet restrictions.



**Bone preservation**  
because implants are imbedded into the jaw, reducing bone loss.



Do not affect neighboring teeth.



Look and feel like natural teeth.



No day-to-day frustrations or discomfort from ill-fitting dentures.



Dental implants are a long-term solution.

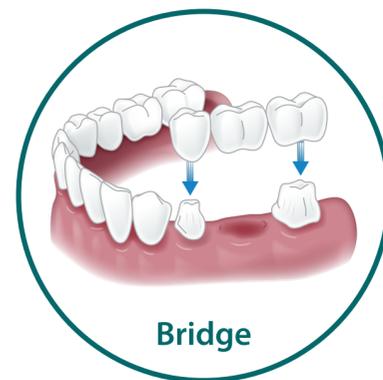
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Adults ages 35 to 44 will lose at least one permanent tooth to an accident, gum disease, a failed root canal or tooth decay.



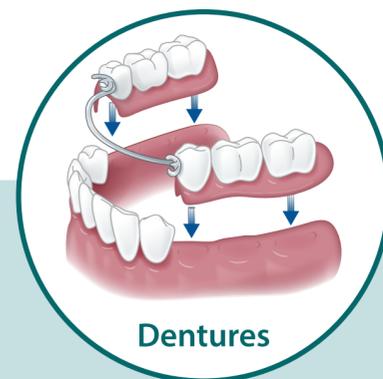
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Adults will lose all their permanent teeth by age 74.

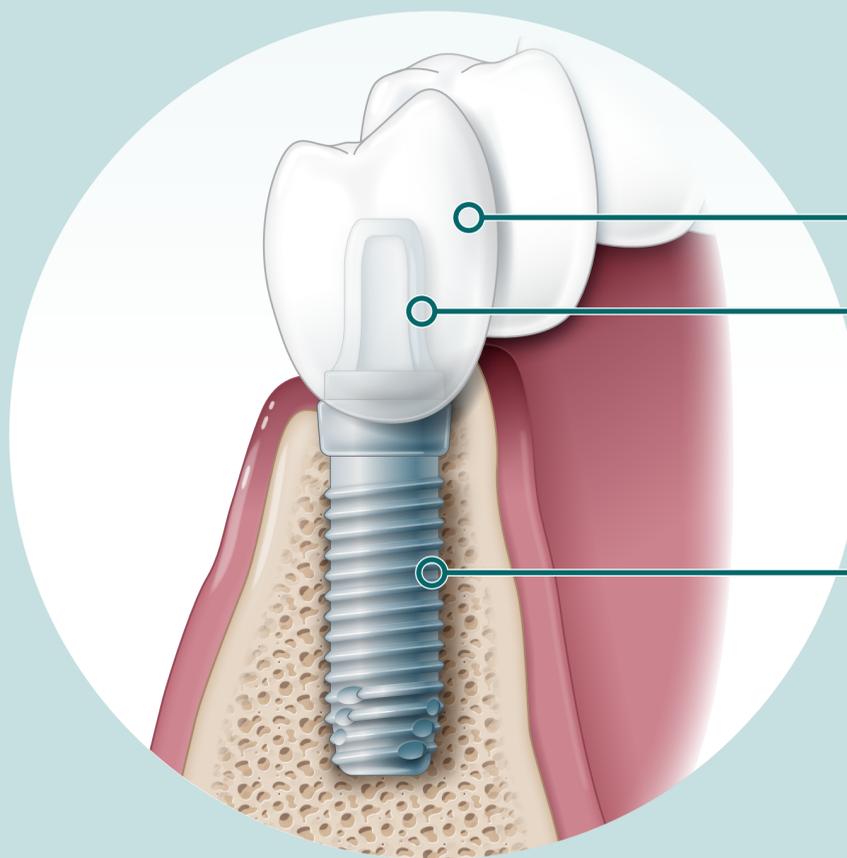


Bridge

On average, bridges and dentures need to be replaced every 7 to 15 years.



Dentures



Crown

Abutment

Titanium Implant

## Implants require a Dental Team



### Patient

Follows all pre- and post-surgical instructions.

### Referring/restorative dentist

Recommends a trained oral and maxillofacial surgeon and after implant placement creates and connects the abutment to the implant. Also manages follow-up dental care.

### Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon (OMS)

Evaluates whether the patient is a good candidate for the procedure and places the implant.

Dental implant surgery is best performed by surgeons with specialized education and training.



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