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Dental Implants: The Look and Feel of Natural Teeth...

"For some people who are missing teeth, dentures just aren't the answer.

If you are one of these people, dental implants may be for you."

Answers to the Most
Commonly Asked
Questions about
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If you have lost any of your natural teeth, you probably experience embarrassment, discomfort and inconvenience. There is now a technique available that can replace missing teeth and completely eliminate dentures for many people . . . including you.

Using the latest dental technology, we now offer dental implants to those patients who are looking for an alternative to ill-fitting, uncomfortable dentures and unsightly gaps caused by missing teeth.

Dental implants have provided the look, feel, comfort, and convenience of natural teeth for many of Dr. Arlin's patients.

What exactly is a dental implant?

A dental implant replaces only the tooth root. Simply put, it is a man-made tooth root, formed from a biologically-safe metal designed in a variety of shapes and sizes to fit patients' individual needs. The implant allows direct bone attachment, thus providing stability similar to a healthy tooth root.

Dental implants are just as effective for replacing one tooth as they are for replacing many teeth. They can be used to: eliminate or stabilize a partial denture; retain and support a denture; or eliminate full dentures entirely by supporting a complete fixed bridge.

Are all implants alike?

No! There are many different types of dental implants available. The only types of implants used in our practice are those which have met stringent government testing for safety and efficacy and are therefore fully approved.

What does the procedure involve?

This simple procedure is done right here in the office. We use local anaesthetic (freezing) supplemented, if required, by medication to ensure you are both comfortable and relaxed. Most patients experience only mild pain for a day or two after the implant surgery with the help of the standard post-surgical medication.

Once the implant is in place (see diagrams on reverse), the crown of the tooth must be constructed. For this, you will see a restorative dentist who has special training in prosthetic work for dental implants. Various prosthetic options are available to attach the teeth to the implants.

Will I have to go without my dentures?

Dr. Arlin advises patients to go without their dentures for the first two or three days, although in some cases a period of up to two weeks is recommended.

With proper care (eg. occasional relining) the dentures may be worn comfortably until the final teeth are placed, so there won't be a noticeable difference in your appearance after the implant treatment. Patients should be cautious with very firm foods in the first few weeks after implant placement.

How long do implants last?

Research has indicated that implants offer long-term predictability once healing has taken place. Success depends on a number of variables including: individual patient's health; bone structure; surgical technique; implant type; oral hygiene; professional maintenance; and as well as the design of the restorative work.

Are dental implants a new procedure?

Implants are not really new at all. Medical research into modern-day implants began in 1952 and for over 25 years, dental implants have been tested and refined. Dr. Arlin received implant surgery training in 1985 and since then, has been so actively involved in this field, that he now lectures to other dentists about implants.

Good candidates have a high success rate with dental implants. We would be more than happy to put you in touch with some of our patients who have completed dental implant surgery with Dr. Arlin.

Fees and Payments

The costs vary according to the type and number of implants and restorative treatment best suited for you. After a thorough assessment of your needs, Dr. Arlin will provide an estimate for the surgical (implant placement) treatment, which would include the cost of the actual implants. Restorative fees, however, should be discussed with your restorative dentist.

Normally, our patients pay the surgical fee at the time of their implant placement. If this is a problem, we are happy to discuss alternative payment plans with you at your examination appointment.

Dental Insurance Coverage

If you have insurance, you may be covered for some of the restorative work. You should **always** send your dental estimates into your insurance company to find out exactly what you will be reimbursed for.

Why should you consider dental implants?

Whether you are missing one tooth or many teeth, dental implants offer you the freedom to enjoy more futures and smile without the worry and embarrassment of dentures shifting or coming loose.

Research shows that many people have discomfort and difficulty with dentures over time. Dental implants can provide **long-term** benefits previously unheard of by: eliminating or stabilizing a partial denture; retaining and supporting a denture; or supporting a complete fixed bridge.

Without your natural teeth, you will continue to lose jaw-bone support. Implants can stop this bone loss. Preserving jaw-bone helps prevent collapse of the facial features.

Dental implants aren't for everyone!

Not everyone is a good candidate for dental implants. Many factors must be considered when you are discussing your options with Dr. Arlin.

If you are happy with your dentures and you are not experiencing rapid bone loss, dental implants may be unnecessary. Conversely, if you are in fairly good health with enough bone support, but you are unhappy with your dentures or have rapid bone loss, you may be a good candidate for implants.

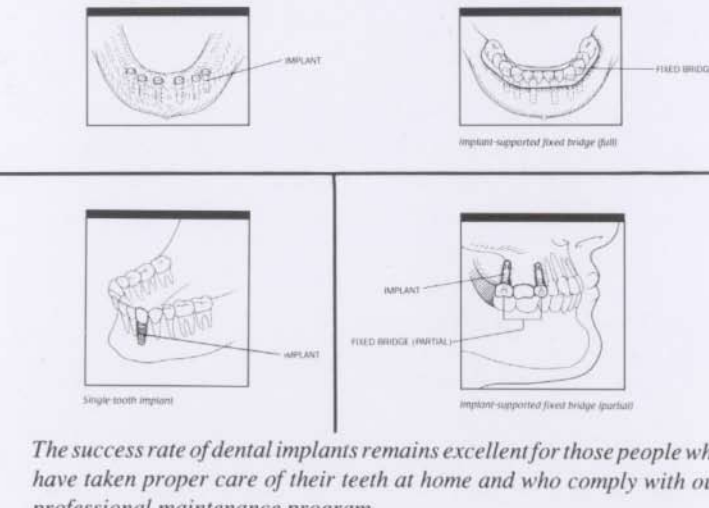
What's the next step?

It is critical that you receive a thorough examination and subsequent treatment from dentists fully qualified and trained in the surgical and restorative phases of dental implants.

Call Dr. Arlin's office at (416) 243-5215 for a consultation appointment or answers to your questions about implants.

Great teeth are worth waiting for!

You receive a thorough examination at our office to see whether you are a good candidate for implants. If both you and Dr. Arlin decide to follow through with the surgery you should then have a complete examination by the restorative dentist.



The success rate of dental implants remains excellent for those people who have taken proper care of their teeth at home and who comply with our professional maintenance program.