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DENTAL IMPLANTS: *A "Natural" Replacement*

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Today, the preferred method of tooth replacement is dental implant treatment. Dental implants replace one or more missing tooth roots and form a stable foundation for replacement teeth that look, feel and function like your natural teeth. Dental implants also help preserve the remaining bone.


There are numerous advantages of dental implant treatment over other treatment options. It is not necessary to grind down adjacent teeth for a bridge, or secure a partial denture to adjacent teeth with clasps or hooks which can cause tooth loosening. Implant-supported dentures, crowns and bridges spare patients many of the disadvantages of traditional false teeth.

The dental implants used by the Elliot Implant Center are small titanium cylinders that serve as the replacement for the root portion of a missing tooth. After the implant is placed in the bone of the jaw, the patient's body generates bone to replace the bone that was lost when the original tooth was lost and when the hole was made for the implant. The new bone grows around and bonds with the implant. This process (called implant integration) takes place over a period of several weeks or months. After the implant has bonded with the bone, it serves as a stable anchor for replacement teeth. Dental implants may be used to replace a single lost tooth or many missing teeth.

Complete implant reconstruction usually involves a period from four to six months. After initial surgery, time is needed for your jaw to grow around the implant. The rate of growth varies, related to the patient's overall health and the absence of negative factors.

After the bone has healed, the surgeon will make a small incision in the gum tissue to allow a connecting post to be attached to the implant. Healing of that incision takes another two to three weeks.

It may take several visits for your restorative dentist to fabricate the replacement teeth. There are a number of options for attaching your replacement teeth to the implants. Our Oral Surgeons will discuss these options with you and your restorative dentist before treatment begins. Since this part of the process is most visible, you will be especially anxious to have it done to your satisfaction.

At Elliot Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, we aim to provide our patients with quality implant services at very competitive surgical fees. For more information, please contact us at 603-625-8462. 

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