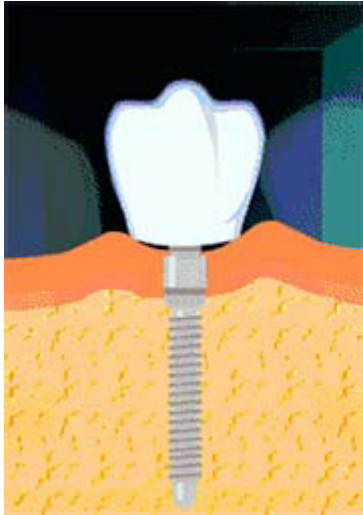


Implants



Implants are a more sturdy and long-lasting solution to the replacement of missing teeth.

They give you greater comfort and confidence than other methods of removable tooth replacement.

Implants are made of titanium, an inert metal that is effective at fusing with living bone.

The placement of implants can be a 1-stage or 2-stage procedure:

1-stage:

occurs when there is enough good bone support.

A single piece implant is placed into the jaw bone and a small abutment is left above the gum line to which a temporary crown is attached. After 3 months (when the implant has fused to the bone and healing is complete), the permanent crown is placed.

2-stage:

occurs when the bone support is weak or a bone graft is required. The implant is placed, by a surgical procedure, under the gum and left to fuse to the bone. After healing (3-4 months) the area is exposed and an abutment added to raise it above the gum line. The permanent crown can be made and fitted in place.

**Implant placement is available in-house by Dr. Guy McLellan
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Frequently Asked Questions

Are implants always successful?

Implants have been in use since 1950s and improvements in procedures and materials give them a 90+% success rate.

Can failed implants be replaced?

Yes.

How long does treatment take?

Depending upon your presenting condition, the total time can be as little as a few weeks to 6 months or more. Your dentist will advise you of this.

Is it painful?

The treatment is carried out under local anaesthetic and most patients report that they feel fine after implant surgery. Sedation can be arranged if the patient wishes it.

Are implant teeth as strong as my natural teeth?

Yes, in fact, they are often stronger.

How do implant retained dentures compare with standard dentures?

Once dentures are attached to implants they become much more secure and very comfortable.

What if I don't have enough bone?

Special techniques can graft bone to the area(s) of deficiency.

How much do implants cost?

The cost will depend upon the number and type of implant(s) placed. At your consultation, we will supply you with all the relevant information, any options, the advantages and disadvantages of each and the fees involved.

Please call us if you have any questions.