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TOOTH OR CONSEQUENCES

WHAT ARE DENTAL IMPLANTS?

For many years, the only treatment options available for people with missing teeth were bridges and dentures. But, today, dental implants are available. Dental implants are replacement tooth roots. Implants provide a strong foundation for fixed (permanent) or removable replacement teeth that are matched your natural teeth. In most cases, anyone healthy enough for a routine dental extraction or oral surgery can be considered for a dental implant. Patients should have healthy gums and enough bone to hold the implant. They also must be committed to good oral hygiene and regular dental visits.

First, an individualized treatment plan is developed based on the specific need of your condition. Next, the tooth root implant (usually a small post of titanium) is placed into the bone socket of the missing tooth. As the jawbone heals, it grows around the implanted metal post, anchoring it securely in the jaw. The healing process can take from 6 to 12 weeks. Once the implant has bonded to the jawbone, a small connector post -- called an abutment -- is attached to the post to securely hold the new tooth. The new tooth or teeth is created from an impression model of your teeth. The replacement tooth, called a crown, is then attached to the abutment. Instead of one or more individual crowns, some patients may have attachments placed on the implant that retain and support a removable denture. Because the implant is secured within the jawbone, the replacement teeth look, feel, and function just like your own natural teeth.

Despite these newer techniques, the best option for a healthy mouth is a good oral hygiene plan to avoid dental problems. Call us to schedule your hygiene appointment. Don't overlook this important element of your health.

Office hours are Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Hygienist Hours on Monday, Friday and Saturday

Emergency visits scheduled off normal business hours

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"IF YOU IGNORE YOUR TEETH, THEY WILL GO AWAY."

-- Dr. Neil Marciano
