



Implant Supported Dentures vs Traditional Dentures

Tooth loss is an occurrence with which millions of people must contend. Whether a result of severe tooth decay, periodontal disease or a traumatic injury, losing permanent teeth has a significant impact on the oral and overall health of an individual. Many dental patients turn to dental bridges or implants for replacing single missing teeth, or even multiple teeth that have been lost in different areas of the mouth – but what about when an entire arch must be replaced? What are the options for returning biting function and appearance when all upper or lower (or both) arches of teeth have been lost?

A Look at Traditional Dentures

Traditional solutions for replacing a full arch of missing teeth center on removal prostheses, or dentures. Impressions of the upper and lower arches are taken, from which dentures of a resin or similar material are fabricated. Dentures are typically held in place with special denture paste or adhesive that is applied daily to help reduce the risk of movement when eating and speaking.

Though convenient and initially cost-effective, traditional full arch prosthetics must be replaced or relined frequently to ensure a close fit (often every five to seven years), as the jaw bone has the tendency to resorb in the absence of any stimulation to the bone. Since these dentures rest on top of the gum tissue covering the underlying bone, stimulation to maintain bone density and health does not occur with this tooth replacement option. Over time, this leads to bone deterioration and a change in fit of the denture.

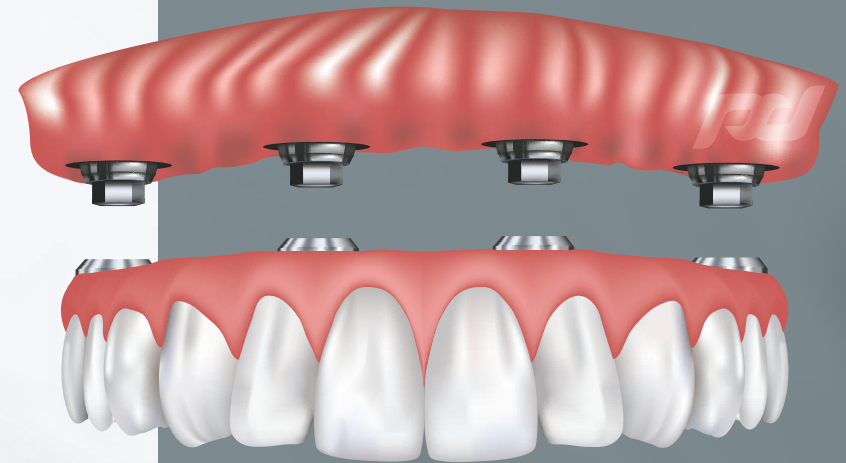


Implant Supported Dentures Offer a Permanent Solution

To avoid the concerns associated with traditional removable dentures, many patients are turning to implant supported dentures as a permanent answer to tooth loss. With this option, dental implant posts are surgically placed within the jaw bone at strategic intervals around the arch. These posts are used to support a denture that can be fabricated as either fixed or removable, depending on the patient's individual needs and preferences. Implant posts provide both strong, secure support for the denture and stimulation for the bone tissue in areas of placement.

Can Implant Supported Dentures Meet Your Needs?

Replacing missing teeth is an extremely important aspect of restoring oral health and maintaining a healthy body. If you are in need of full arch tooth replacement, or currently wear a traditional denture and would like information on other options, contact your dentist for a personalized consultation today.



Advantages of Implant Supported Dentures vs. Traditional Dentures

Due to their permanence and stability, implant supported dentures are often preferred over their traditional counterparts. Consider the following advantages of implant supported dentures:

- Greater comfort and security
- Elimination of denture movement
- Reduction in bone deterioration
- No need for pastes or adhesives
- Improved ability to eat and speak
- Enhanced confidence and self-esteem

Implant supported dentures provide the opportunity to replace a full arch of missing teeth while allowing patients to be confident in knowing their smiles are comfortable, secure and natural-looking.