



**FOR CHOOSING AN
IMPLANT DENTIST**



**STABILITY
&
STRENGTH**



**LONG TERM
SOLUTION**

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Due to their permanent nature and overall comfort, dental implants have become the preferred method for replacing missing teeth in adults. Implants consist of three main components, which collectively serve to replace both the root and crown portions of natural teeth. Many patients undergo the implant procedure in phases, the first of which is the surgical placement of the implant post.

Once full integration between the bone and implant post has occurred, the abutment piece (which acts as a connector and supports the implant crown) is either placed or revealed from beneath the gum tissue. The crown, designed to look and function like surrounding teeth, is attached and the entire implant is then ready for use.

Who Can Place Dental Implants?

Any dental professional who has been trained to do so can place dental implants. In a number of cases, implant posts are placed by a specialist, such as a periodontist or oral surgeon, with the patient being referred back to the general dentist when it's time to attach the implant crown. However, some patients choose to find a single dental professional who can see the placement of the implant through from beginning to end.



TIPS FOR CHOOSING AN IMPLANT DENTIST

When choosing an implant dentist, it is important to understand the factors that will benefit you most when undergoing this procedure. Use the following tips when making your decision regarding whom you select to replace your missing teeth with dental implants:



EXPERIENCE IN PLACING IMPLANTS

It is a good idea to inquire about the experience held by the doctor you are considering. While the placement of dental implants is not considered to be a difficult procedure, there are certain factors the doctor must be cognizant of when planning and placing implants. For instance, the quality and quantity of bone is a huge consideration when determining if implants are even feasible. A skilled, experienced professional will know how to determine the candidacy of each patient.



DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

While most dental professionals will agree that insurance should not dictate treatment, the reality is that many patients rely on the assistance of dental insurance to receive much needed oral care. Finding an implant dentist who accepts your insurance can be of great help to you when considering the cost of dental implants.



REPUTATION & REFERRALS

Word of mouth is a great way to gain insight into the experiences of others. Talk to friends, family members, colleagues, and other individuals to learn about the dental professional who placed their implants. Speaking with your general dentist can be extremely helpful, as he or she can often refer you to an implant dentist whom they know to be skilled and experienced in this procedure.



TECHNOLOGY

The process of and equipment for placing dental implants are continually improving, which have mutually rendered the implant procedure more comfortable, more precise, and less traumatic. Finding a professional who stays at the forefront of implant technology is certainly something to consider.



TYPES OF IMPLANTS PLACED

Fortunately, the field of implantology has provided the opportunity for patients to receive dental implants in a myriad of ways. Traditional implants, mini dental implants, implant bridges, and implant supported dentures all replace missing teeth, but go about the process differently. Inquiring about the types of implants placed by the implant dentist you are considering can help determine if your needs can be met with such services.

