

Patient information



Reclaim your smile

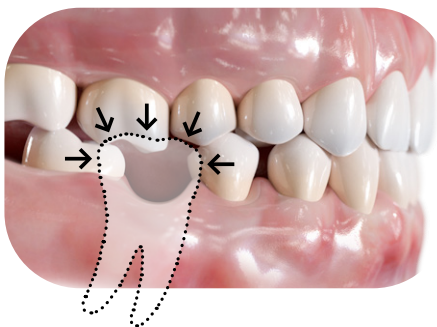
Your trusted path to a natural
and lasting tooth replacement
with dental implants



Missing a tooth?

You're not alone — and you're not without options.

Losing a tooth can affect more than just your smile. It can change how you eat, speak, and even how you feel about yourself. But with today's advanced dental care, you don't have to settle for discomfort, gaps, or temporary fixes.



A single missing tooth can allow remaining teeth to shift and grow into the gap.



The importance of a healthy, complete smile

Damaging or losing teeth can be a deeply distressing experience. A complete, natural-looking smile is often associated with health, beauty, and confidence, and its absence can lead to emotional and psychological challenges. Beyond esthetics, teeth play a vital role in everyday functions like eating and speaking. When teeth are missing or damaged, enjoying your favorite foods can become painful or even impossible, leading to nutritional compromises and discomfort.

Explore your options



New teeth on natural teeth – neighboring natural teeth are ground down and used to support a bridge, replacing the top of the missing teeth.

New teeth on natural teeth

If you and your dentist decide to use a fixed bridge to restore your damaged or missing tooth, your adjacent natural teeth will be used as support. These adjacent teeth will need to be ground down, potentially sacrificing healthy tooth structures.

Unfortunately, this solution will not prevent jawbone loss or gum recession, which can detract from overall oral health and appearance.

There are various courses of action your dentist can take to fix or replace your damaged or missing teeth. Depending on your personal situation, your dentist will discuss the possible options for you. It is possible to use your remaining natural teeth or a dental implant to support new crowns on a bridge.



New teeth on dental implants – neighboring natural teeth are left untouched.

New teeth on dental implants

A dental implant is a small but strong titanium screw that replaces the root of your missing tooth. It creates a secure foundation for a natural-looking crown, allowing you to eat, speak, and smile with ease – just like you used to. The process is carefully planned to help you feel comfortable every step of the way.

Unlike other treatments, dental implants are designed to protect your oral health for the long run. They help keep your jawbone strong, preserve your facial structure, and don't rely on neighboring teeth for support. With proper care, an implant can last a lifetime – making it a reliable, long-term solution that supports not just your smile, but your confidence and well-being.

What makes dental implants so trusted?



Feel natural, work naturally

Enjoy eating, smiling, and speaking with ease. Dental implants can feel just like your own teeth, helping you live confidently every day.¹



Support your oral health

Implants support your jawbone and help maintain a stable smile, contributing to long-term oral health when natural teeth are missing.



A long-term investment

A well-cared-for implant can last a lifetime – giving you lasting value and peace of mind.



Keep you looking like you

Implants help prevent bone loss and facial sagging, which happens when natural teeth are missing, so you can maintain your natural appearance and feel like yourself.

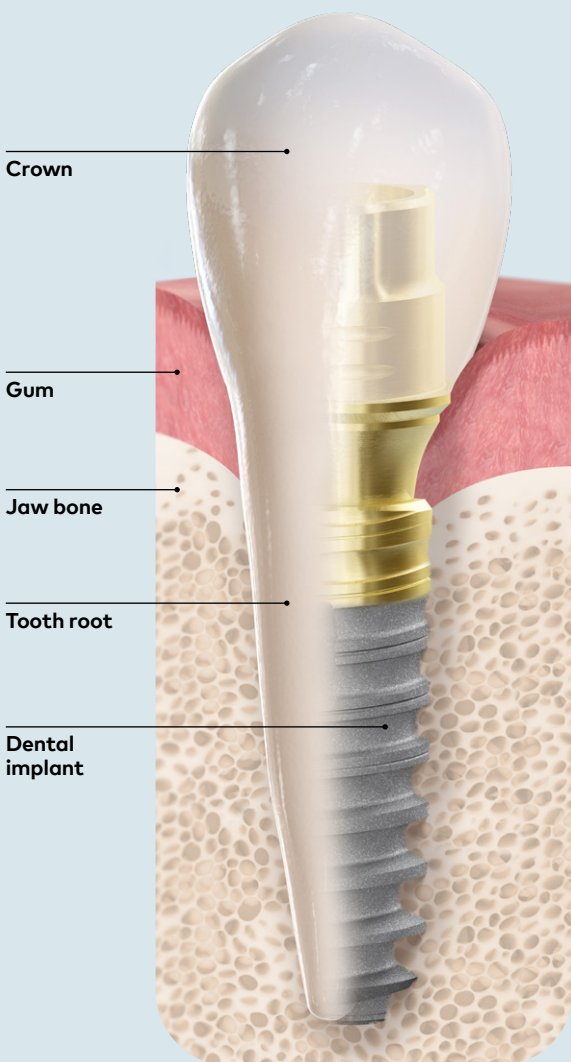


Backed up by science

Over 4,500 scientific publications feature Nobel Biocare implants, and the All-on-4® treatment concept has 25 years of documented clinical success.

¹ Kolinski et al. 2014, De Rouck et al. 2009

A dental implant acts like a natural tooth root





Questions & answers

Will it hurt?

Most patients say getting an implant is easier than a tooth extraction. Local anesthesia is used, and post-surgery discomfort is usually mild¹.

Will it look natural?

Yes! Your custom-made restoration is designed to blend seamlessly with your smile.

Is it safe?

Dental implants have been trusted for decades and have a long track record of success — with up to 95% success after 10 years².

What are the risks?

Your dentist will advise you on the specifics of your procedure, including warnings, risks, contraindications and potential adverse effects.

¹ Kolinski et al. 2014, De Rouck et al. 2009

² Howe MS, Keys W, Richards D. Long-term (10-year) dental implant survival: A systematic review and sensitivity meta-analysis. J Dent. 2019;84:9-21.

Important Your dentist remains your best source for information regarding your dental care and your options. They can provide you with additional information and answer any questions or concerns you might have.

How long does the process take?

The full process can take 3 to 9 months, depending on your clinical situation and the number of implants.

Is it expensive?

The answer will depend on your clinical situation and chosen solution. Your dentist can give you a more accurate assessment of the costs of your procedure.



Pros and cons

Options	New teeth on dental implants	New teeth on natural teeth
Initial costs	higher	lower
Long-term costs after treatment	lower	higher ²
Durability	● ● ●	●
Keep neighboring teeth intact	● ● ●	-
Preserve jawbone	● ●	●

² Higher cost due to shorter life-span of the restoration, meaning re-work or even fully new restoration after some years.

Your implant journey



Step 1

Planning your treatment

Consult your dentist and determine which solution is the right one for you, considering your dental and medical history. Together, you will create a treatment plan and schedule your surgery and appointments.



Step 2

Placing the implant(s)

On the day of surgery, the compromised teeth will be removed, and, if possible, dental implant(s) will be carefully placed into your jawbone. If the selected procedure allows for it, you will leave your appointment with a temporary fixed restoration and a new smile.



Step 3

Final check and new tooth placement

After the gums and bone have healed (this can take 3 to 9 months, depending on your clinical situation and chosen procedure), you will return to the dentist to receive your permanent restoration. You'll leave with a confident smile and clear instructions for care.



Note Depending on your clinical situation, more steps may be required and the duration of the procedures, healing times, etc. can vary. Please consult your dentist for your personal treatment plan and timelines.

Schedule a consultation with your dentist and discuss your options

Discussion notes

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Dental implants are not intended to be used in pediatric patients whose jaw bone growth has not been documented or people who; are medically unfit for a dental surgical procedure / have inadequate bone volume / are allergic or hypersensitive to commercially pure titanium. After placement dental implants may fail to integrate with the bone. If this occurs, they will need to



be removed in a secondary procedure. Certain factors could interfere with the healing process of either bone or soft tissue. These include: cigarette smoking / uncontrolled diabetes / oro-facial radiotherapy / steroid therapy / infections in the neighboring bone. The possibility of immediate placement and use of a prosthetic tooth varies upon many factors including bone presence and quality, dental history, implant location, and availability of final restoration.

Your dentist will fully describe the possible scenarios with you in consultation prior to surgery. Consult your dentist to find out if dental implants are right for you.

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Why your dentist partners with Nobel Biocare

- Over 60 years of clinical experience in dental implantology
- 20+ million revived smiles
- Over 4,500 scientific publications
- Product manufactured in the United States and Sweden
- Warranty on implants and restorative components



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