

Dental Implants Facts Sheet

Dental Implants are the most advanced and effective solution for patients with missing teeth or who wear dentures. Dental Implants are a permanent solution providing a more effective and comfortable alternative to traditional dentures.

What is a Dental Implant?

A dental implant is a device designed to permanently replace missing teeth. The replacement of missing teeth is important to a patient's oral health and overall well being. Not only do missing teeth affect chewing ability and cause crowding, chipping, or tilting of surrounding teeth, they can also make a person feel self-conscious and inhibited from partaking in day-to-day activities.

Is it right for you?

Dental implants are now recognised as routine treatment for a full range of dental issues from replacing a single tooth, to full oral rehabilitation, or simply for reliable denture retention. Dental implants also provide an ideal solution for those with ill-fitting, irritating dentures. Patients can now enjoy better fitting, stronger, more functional teeth and finally do away with their dentures.

What are the benefits?

- Renewed ability to chew and speak properly
- Greatly improved aesthetics
- Preservation of remaining jaw bone structure
- Reduction of possible gum problems and infections
- You have the confidence that a beautiful healthy smile brings

What's involved?

A dental implant is a man-made substitute for the root of a tooth, which is surgically inserted into the jawbone. The implant fuses with the jaw line to form a secure foundation for tooth replacement. A dental implant is identical to your natural teeth in strength and function. During this entire process your natural teeth are not disturbed. Any surgical or invasive procedure carries risks. Before proceeding, you should seek a second opinion from an appropriately qualified health practitioner.

What are dental implants made of?

Implants are made of commercially and medically pure Titanium. This is the same metal that has been successfully used in hip replacements for many years. This is then covered by a crown which matches your existing teeth.

Am I eligible for dental implants?

Anyone who is considered to be reasonably healthy and who wants to replace missing teeth are possible candidates for dental implants. You must have enough bone in the area of the missing teeth to provide for the anchorage of the implants. Some people are missing all their teeth and most of those are excellent candidates for dental implants. Today, we also use implants to replace small bridges, removable partial dentures and even missing single teeth.

Who is not a candidate for dental implants?

Not everyone can have implants. Certain factors, such as diabetes, smoking, bleeding disorders, certain medications as well as compromised physical and mental integrity, may influence whether or not an individual is suitable for this dental procedure.

Who can do implants?

In Australia, every dentist is technically allowed to place an implant. However, due to the complex nature of implants and their potential complications, most dentists who choose to enter this somewhat specialised field complete a dental implant course over a number of years. It is best to check that the dentist you speak to has both qualifications and experience with your type of implant.

Why choose Dr Cohen?

In 2015 Dr Cohen completed his Graduate Diploma of Clinical Oral Implants through Sydney University. He since has completed a range of implants of various complexity with a high standard of attention to detail. After attaining the exact outcomes each patient is seeking, he provides each patient with a comprehensive written treatment plan outlining each stage of the process and the exact costs that will be involved (so there are no nasty added-on costs).

Call us today to reserve your place for a comprehensive implant assessment with Dr Cohen to discuss the individual options available to you and answer any further questions you may have.