

Dental Implants

What you should know

If you have any questions about this information, please contact us **prior** to scheduling/ attending your appointment.



Natural tooth

Dental Implant

Stage 1 – Implant Placement

The appropriate number of titanium implants are surgically placed at proper positions within the jaw. The surrounding tissue is sutured back over the fixtures to its original location. Sutures are removed after one week. The healing period is generally 2-6 months following surgery in the lower jaw, and 4-6 months in the upper jaw.

Stage 2 – Abutment Connection

This surgery is scheduled after implants are osseointegrated (healed into the bone). Implants are uncovered and checked for stability. Titanium connectors, called abutments, are placed on all stable implants. The unstable, or non-osseointegrated implants, if any, are removed. Sutures are removed after one week and restorative treatment with your dentist can begin approximately 3-4 weeks afterwards.

Prosthetic Stage (Returning to your Referring Dentist for your crown)

The prosthetic phase of treatment will include impressions, bite relationship registration, try in of the metal framework, shade and shape of teeth verification, and finally screwing in of the prosthesis (“tooth”) with gold or titanium screws.

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Hours of operation:
Mon - Wed: 9am- 5pm
Thurs: 1pm - 6pm
Fri: 9am - 2pm

After hours emergency:
Dial 416.512.1146 and press 5 as soon as the voicemail greeting begins and your call will be routed to Dr. Galler directly. If you are unable to reach him via phone, email drcg@rogers.com.

*Please note:
After hours contact should be reserved for emergencies only. We are always pleased to serve you during regular business hours.*

Dental implants offer:

- Replacement teeth that look, feel and function like natural teeth and a natural looking smile. all of which result in increased comfort and confidence when smiling, speaking and eating.
- The preservation of healthy adjacent teeth. Crowns and bridges require adjacent teeth to be ground down and cemented. Implants do not disturb healthy teeth. They effectively replace only the damaged teeth requiring care.
- The preservation of facial structure (see our literature on bone resorption on the reverse side of this page)
- Improved oral hygiene vs crowns/bridge. Treat your implant like a natural tooth! You are able to brush and floss, something that is often not available to bridge wearers. Also, no denture adhesive is required!

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Jaw without bone resorption



Jaw with bone resorption following tooth loss

Bone Resorption. What is it & how do dental implants prevent it?

Bone resorption is the shrinking of your jaw following tooth loss. Natural teeth are embedded in the jawbone. A two way relationship is active whereby the tooth root stimulates the bone to stay active and grow and the jawbone in turn provides the necessary support and foundation for the tooth to bite and chew. When a tooth is lost, the relationship ends. The jawbone no longer has the purpose of supporting the tooth. As such, it begins to atrophy and shrink away. This shrinking is called resorption, and over time, it can spread and affect healthy adjacent teeth.

When a missing tooth is replaced with a bridge, the jawbone does not receive stimulation and resorption occurs beneath the bridge. Over time, adjacent teeth become compromised resulting in the need for further extractions and expansion of the bridge.

Dental implants are the solution! The jawbone can be preserved and continually stimulated by replacing the missing roots with dental implants! Since the bone forms a strong bond to the implants, they serve the same function as natural teeth roots!

This continued stimulation of the jawbone helps prevent the collapse of facial structure over time.

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Did you know?

Dental implants have been documented as a predictable and effective treatment of tooth loss for 35+ years. Dental implants have a success rate of 90-95% and implants placed in our office have a warranty of up to 10 years. Please read the attached literature carefully for all the risks and benefits of dental implant treatment. We are confident they will provide you with a long-term dental solution and a lifetime of comfort and stability.

Rest assured, with over 10 years of experience with dental implants, we have the experience to diagnose, treatment plan and take all the necessary precautions to ensure that your dental implant placement procedure is as safe and comfortable as possible.

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