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Dental Implants for Life

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DENTAL IMPLANT BUDGETING GUIDE



COMPARING YOUR REPLACEMENT OPTIONS

When thinking about your future smile, dental implants should be viewed as a one-time, permanent investment. Cost is a major factor when considering implants, however it is important to remember all of their benefits including the sense of confidence they can bring, along with the benefits of health and oral comfort. If a one-time payment is not affordable, other options including financing are available. For those with good credit, the monthly payment for a single tooth implant can cost even less than your phone bill.

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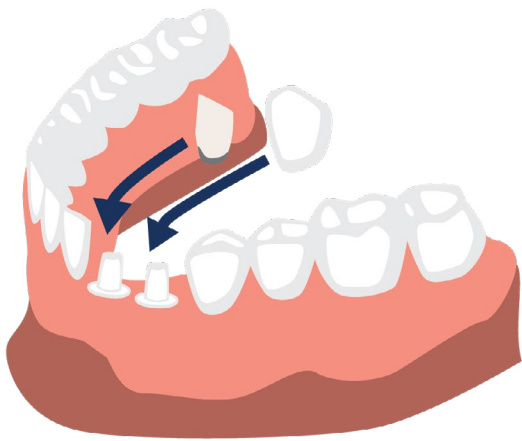
DOING NOTHING

Individuals who do nothing to preserve the state and health of their mouths will eventually be looking at far more expensive treatments because of resulting infections and gum disease. Mouth infections are thought by many to be a contributing factor to coronary heart disease.

Furthermore, tooth misalignment can lead to various diseases and complicate the cleaning process. Non-medical effects of missing teeth include difficulty eating and lack of confidence. For every missing tooth, you will lose about 10% of your remaining ability to chew food.



DENTAL CROWNS



One of the most popular methods of tooth restoration, crowns are tooth-shaped caps that are placed over natural teeth. Made from ceramics, porcelain, or metal, crowns are meant for preservation or restoration of existing teeth. A patient must have a solid rooted tooth in order for a crown to be successful. Despite its popularity, a crown can have negative side effects. Porcelain crowns are very brittle causing them to crack or break under the pressure of chewing or grinding. Crowns made from metal are certainly stronger than porcelain, however, they do not look as natural and can cause allergic reactions in some patients.

All types of dental crowns come with risks if they are used during a restorative procedure. Since they cover a natural tooth, they can cause decay or hide existing decay. They can also push into adjacent teeth causing damage. Patients who wear crowns have complained of discomfort while chewing and are sensitive to hot and cold liquids. Although dental crowns may first appear to be a popular and simple option, they can cause more damage to natural teeth than many realize.

▲ *Metal crowns (left) don't look natural. The color generally doesn't match adjacent teeth and there are dark lines at the gum line. Some people are also allergic to the metals used to make these crowns.*

Porcelain (right) is more aesthetically pleasing, but also more fragile and likely to chip. Chipped porcelain fragments can also damage other teeth.





DENTURES

Dentures are typically seen as the obvious and cheapest choice, however removable dentures have a lot of hidden costs and can impact your oral health negatively. Inexpensive dentures require consistent modifications over time. More expensive dentures, created by prosthodontists, are highly customized which results in a higher price tag, but still have the negative health effects of inexpensive dentures. Dentures include a lot of upkeep given the fact that they are not permanent. The costs can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars depending on dental fees and case complexity.

Moreover, dentures themselves only last five to seven years and then need to be replaced. Eight out of ten partial denture wearers break or lose their appliances over a five year period as well. Even worse than out of pocket costs, dentures can damage your oral health. Partial dentures add stress to adjacent teeth, which can cause them to loosen, crack or break and fall out. Missing teeth in turn causes bone loss in the jaw resulting in a thinner jaw and a collapse of the lower face.

▲ *A partial denture (pictured here) can apply pressure to healthy teeth, causing them to loosen over time and eventually fall out. Dentures do nothing to anchor the jawbone. This allows the bone to erode over time, which in turn has an aging effect on the face.*



CEMENTED BRIDGES



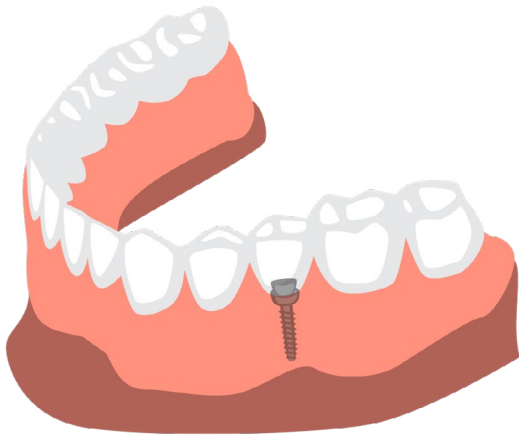
A cemented or traditional bridge uses two natural teeth as anchors for replacement teeth. The natural teeth are ground down to support the bridge. The negative impact of bridges and additional cost over time are mostly associated with health. If any damage occurs to either the bridge or supporting teeth, the only solution is to remove the entire bridge and re-do it.

Damage may occur because bridges put stress on supporting teeth which then accelerates tooth loss and bone thinning. There is also a greater risk that gum diseases such as gingivitis will form and spread under the bridge.

▲ *A cemented bridge requires the grinding down of good teeth. Over time, this can compromise the health of those teeth. There is also a risk of infection forming under the bridge.*



MINI IMPLANTS



If non-permanent solutions are not for you, there are two forms of dental implants. One option many patients consider while doing their research, are mini implants. Though they are completed with essentially the same procedure as traditional implants, the shorter surgery or smaller price tag come with a big catch.

Mini implants have a smaller diameter than traditional implants, and can thus break easily, fall out, and mask bone loss. Even worse, mini implant breakage or failure can cause such long term damage that subsequent treatments to resolve the issue can be very expensive or impossible to complete. The cost of mini implants ranges anywhere between \$500 to \$1,500 per tooth. There's no question that this option may be less expensive than traditional implants initially, but the long term price and risk can be considerable.

▲ *Mini implants don't have the diameter to support the pressure of chewing. Similar to how a small nail can bend more easily than a large one, mini implants can bend or break loose, causing damage that is in some cases irreparable.*



TRADITIONAL DENTAL IMPLANTS

Traditional dental implants come with several key benefits over other dental restorations, and are the only permanent option. There are three types of dental implants: individual, implant bridge (or a multiple tooth implant), and full-jaw implant (an All-On-4). An individual implant replaces a single tooth. With a multi-tooth implant, several teeth can be replaced with the bridge resting on two or more implants. The All-On-4 is ideal for a patient needing an entire jaw restored as four implants support the whole arch of teeth.

One of the leading benefits with implants is that with adequate care, they last a lifetime. They restore teeth without impacting adjacent teeth. Additionally, dental implants work to protect the bite and preserve bone in the jaw. Implants themselves do not decay either. Overall, patients who have chosen dental implants over other options, report higher satisfaction and minimal follow up.



▲ *Out of all the dental replacements and restorations available, only traditional dental implants bond with your bone in a way that mimics the roots of real teeth. They are designed to withstand the pressure of chewing and give you a comfortable, healthy smile.*





HIDDEN COSTS

We have mentioned the hidden costs associated with all other tooth restoration options besides implants, but let's calculate what that can look like over a lifetime. As stated, dentures typically need to be replaced every five to seven years. Dentures that initially cost \$500 can increase up to \$2,000 within ten years, and \$4,000 in twenty years due to maintenance and upkeep fees. For custom dentures, costs can rise up to \$22,000 within twenty years.

Dentures and partials aren't as cheap as they appear to be. With bridges, the patient requirements influence cost, however, high quality cemented bridges range from \$900 to \$1,800 per artificial tooth and the bridge will likely need to be replaced down the road. The cost of implants can vary as this is a custom solution, but the long term cost will be equal to, or in some cases, less than these options with more advantages.



INVESTING IN DENTAL IMPLANTS

You can't put a price on confidence, health or happiness. Many of our patients express how, in spite of cost, they wished they would have done the procedure sooner. When imagining the future of your smile, implants ought to be viewed as a one-time investment. Not only are you paying for greater satisfaction, but there are minimal follow-up treatments compared to bridges and dentures. Traditional dental implants never decay and don't contribute to disease. Moreover, they can restore the health of your jaw and mouth.

It's a one-time payment for a one-time procedure that should last a lifetime. The price of implants can vary depending on several factors such as the state of your gums and jawbone, as well as the number of implants you will receive.



TAKE THE FIRST STEP

Schedule a complimentary consultation to learn what your treatment plan will cost and various financing options available. In addition to working with one of our third-party companies, patients have withdrawn from a retirement or health savings account for funds. You can also take out a home equity or personal loan, research VA lending options, sell valuables or even start a GoFundMe or Kickstarter campaign. The options for a brighter smile are out there.

Take the first step in your implant journey and schedule your complimentary, no-obligation consultation with EON Clinics. It's the only way to learn all of your options and how dental implants can change your life. To hear more, call **844-366-2562** or schedule your free, no obligation consultation online at [**www.eonclinics.com/scheduler**](http://www.eonclinics.com/scheduler).

