



IMPLANTS

What is an implant:

A dental implant is the only tooth restoration that mimics the function of a real tooth. This is because the titanium screws used in implants naturally fuses with your jawbone, acting as your tooth's roots. What this means is that your jawbone is getting the constant stimulation it needs to continue to grow. Without that stimulation, the bone would eventually absorb into your body, leaving you with less jawbone to hold your facial structure in place.

If you are missing one or more teeth, it has an impact on the way you talk, smile, and chew, eventually impacting your entire life. While there are options to replace missing teeth, there are none as ideal as the dental implant.

Benefits and reasons for an implant:

- Keep bone levels stable to prevent premature aging
- Hold dentures in place, otherwise known as over-dentures
- Give you adequate use of a tooth, similar to a natural tooth
- Hold a space in your mouth for a missing tooth to prevent a misaligned bite or overcrowding

How it's done:



Damaged tooth



Damaged tooth is extracted



Implant is placed



Abutment is placed



Crown is cemented to abutment



Finished tooth

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What to expect after treatment:

Caring for dental implants is just like caring for your natural teeth. You must properly brush and floss them at least twice a day (flossing can be done once). It is imperative that you never skip these steps. Lack of proper oral hygiene can lead to dental decay. If decay sets in below the gum line, your dental implants could prematurely fail. In addition, you could be at risk for gum disease, which could cause bone loss and even more difficulties with your dental implants down the road.

Just as you would care for your regular teeth, watch your oral hygiene and your diet. Do not consume excessively chewy, sugary, or crunchy foods as they will leave debris behind that turns into bacteria. If you want to keep your dental implants functioning well and looking great for many years to come, keep up with your regular dental appointments and ensure proper oral hygiene at home.

Notify our office if:

- You feel that your bite is not correctly balanced
- The crown breaks or falls off and you are unable to secure it

If any of the above occurs, please call the office to schedule an simple adjustment at no charge.

For more detailed information, visit us at: northviewsmiles.com

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