

TOOTH REPLACEMENT OPTIONS

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DENTURES

Fully removable artificial teeth.

IDEAL FOR

Replacing teeth lost from injury, illness or trauma.

PROS

- ✓ Improve the look of your smile
- ✓ Helps restore appearance/profile of face.
- ✓ Helps with chewing
- ✓ Cheapest way to replace multiple missing teeth.
- ✓ No surgery required
- ✓ Supports facial structure

CONS

- ✗ Can fall out of place
- ✗ Relatively easy to break
- ✗ Increase saliva flow
- ✗ Not as natural look as dental implants
- ✗ Must be removed & cleaned nightly
- ✗ Some foods are off limits (caramel, apples, and corn on the cob)

BRIDGES

Bridges literally bridge the gaps of missing teeth by attaching false teeth to neighboring natural teeth with crowns.

IDEAL FOR

Replacing sections of missing teeth.

PROS

- ✓ Cheaper than implants
- ✓ Fixed into mouth
- ✓ Maintain shape of face/smile
- ✓ Reduces pressure on other teeth
- ✓ Reduce chances of TMJ
- ✓ Improves speech and chewing
- ✓ Help with stability
- ✓ Improves oral hygiene

CONS

- ✗ Porcelain on the bridges may chip
- ✗ May need to get re-cemented periodically
- ✗ Doesn't last a lifetime
- ✗ Needs replacement within 10 years

DENTAL IMPLANTS

Titanium-based artificial tooth that is surgically implanted into the jaw.

IDEAL FOR

Replacing single or multiple missing teeth for a lifetime.

PROS

- ✓ Strengthens jawbone
- ✓ Positively impacts oral health & prevents premature aging
- ✓ Looks like natural teeth.
- ✓ Can last a lifetime if properly maintained.
- ✓ Brush and floss like natural teeth
- ✓ Can eat almost any foods.
- ✓ Resistant to tooth decay and gum problems.

CONS

- ✗ Process can take 3 or more visits
- ✗ Requires surgery
- ✗ More room for complications
- ✗ Longer healing time
- ✗ Can be expensive