# IMPLANTS

Convenient, affordable tooth replacement from start to finish

## What happens with tooth loss?



he loss of a tooth can damage a person's self-esteem and confidence, inhibit their desire for social interaction and even trigger depression. In addition to the negative health effects of these ongoing emotional stresses, individuals face the risk of bone loss in the toothless site — setting off a domino effect resulting in the loss of additional teeth.





dental implant is designed to replace the root of a missing tooth. Once embedded in the jaw, this critical understructure serves as the foundation on which to erect a standalone replacement tooth. It also works to stimulate the bone, helping to prevent its loss, and thereby preserving the health and function of surrounding teeth.

By contrast, traditional treatment techniques call for the removal of healthy material from the teeth on either side of the affected area, creating a "prep" on which to seat a bridge that spans the gap. This bridge is not only less natural in appearance than an individual tooth, but is harder to properly clean and does nothing to preserve the underlying bone.

Ask your dentist about the ability of dental implants to:

- preserve natural teeth
- provide a superior appearance
- promote better hygiene
- protect long-term health

#### Implant Placement



Your implant specialist will place a minimally invasive implant machined from high-grade titanium to serve as a replacement for the missing tooth root.

#### Personal Temporization



A custom temporary tooth will provide a realistic look and feel while the bone heals around the implant, and prepare the gum tissue to receive the final restoration. A custom healing abutment is also provided, for use at the doctor's discretion.

## Final Restoration



Once healing is completed, your dentist will seat atop the implant a final replacement tooth consisting of a custom abutment precisely milled from titanium or zirconia, and a final ceramic crown that combines maximum strength with toothlike esthetics.