



Guide to Dental Implants

Your ultimate patient guide to dental implants in Thornton

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SUPRA-NATURAL SMILES!

Are you searching for a way to fill a gap in your teeth in a way that feels natural AND looks great? Dental implants can completely replace missing teeth, with over a 95% success rate!

Your Thornton Dental dentist can provide you with other short-term treatments for missing teeth, but dental implants restore your bite and smile to full function, stimulate bone growth, and help preserve the natural contours of your face.

You can face life with a smile, secure in the knowledge that your smile is a 100-watt stunner!

Get back to that confident, laughing, smiling, person who eats what they want, whenever they want!

WHAT ARE DENTAL IMPLANTS?

Dental implants are a tested, safe, and aesthetically pleasing alternative to traditional crowns, bridgework, and dentures. A dental implant is a small “anchor” made of titanium, which is inserted into your jawbone to replace a missing tooth root.

These titanium roots are covered by new replacement teeth, which give you the chance to live your life to the fullest, confident that ALL your teeth are safe and secure.

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Thornton Dental wants to give you to a full introduction to the dental implant procedure, so you can decide if dental implants are the perfect treatment option for you.

EVERYONE WANTS A STUNNING SMILE



People have sought to replace missing teeth for millennia.

Ancient Egyptians used shells and ivory to replace teeth. The ancient Etruscans replaced missing teeth with artificial teeth carved from the bones of oxen.

But 50 years ago everything changed as biomedical research discovered that some kinds of metal can become part of the jaw (“osseointegration”) and provide a perfect anchor for new, permanent teeth

Today, clinical research and the experience of millions of patients and thousands of dentists demonstrate the effectiveness and reliability of the modern titanium implant. But better than all that science? Millions of people world-wide have recovered their awesome smiles!

DENTAL IMPLANTS – TITANIUM ROOTS

A dental implant post (or root) is a titanium screw that is placed in the jawbone. It becomes the root for your new tooth and is individually designed for you to ensure it is a perfect fit in your mouth and smile.



AN ABUTMENT IS ADDED TO THE IMPLANT

The abutment is a small, metal or ceramic post that extends above the gumline.

The new tooth, or crown, is attached to the abutment.

THE CROWN TOPS THE ABUTMENT

With your dental implant and abutment firmly lodged in your jaw, it is time for the tooth to be attached. Depending on your individual needs, you may choose a crown (for a single missing tooth), and bridge (for multiple missing teeth), or a fixed prosthetic (all missing teeth).

FOR YOUR SMILE, FOR YOUR LIFE!



Why Implants?

- Safe, secure, permanent, and reliable tooth replacement.
- Improvement in overall quality of life. Increased comfort and confidence when smiling, speaking, and eating.
- No need for dentures, sticky adhesives, or grinding down natural teeth to support dental work.
- Dental implants become your teeth! They are secure, attractive, and maintain or improve the structure and appearance of your face.
- Implants have a high rate of success and durability. They last many years. With good care, implants can last a lifetime.

Implant Care?

Simple!

Care for dental implants as you would care for your natural teeth.

With proper home care and regular professional maintenance, you can keep your new teeth for life.

Solutions Tailored to You!

Just like fingerprints, teeth are individual. Dental implants can be custom-made to work with your natural teeth to create a stunning smile, no matter how many teeth you might need to replace. Dental implants are individually designed for you and only you!

At Thornton Dental, we realise that every patient is unique and there is no one-size-fits-all solution, especially when it comes to restoring missing teeth. Your consultation and treatment will be tailor-made, and we will walk you through every step of the process before we begin!

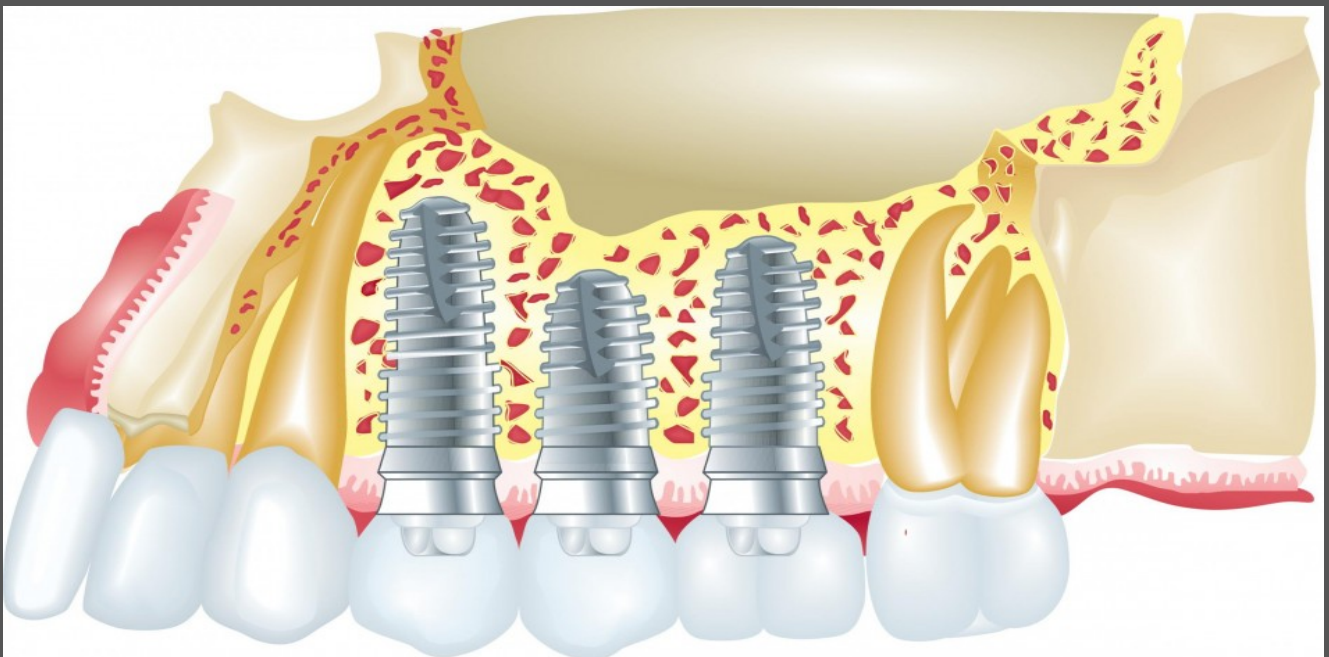
Your Single Tooth Solution

If you are missing only one tooth, one crown on a single dental implant not only gives you a beautiful and seamless tooth replacement solution, but it also restores the form and function of the missing tooth.

Multiple Tooth Solutions

If you are missing more than one tooth dental implants offer a range of restoration options. You might consider multiple individual implants, implant supported bridges, or implant-supported dentures.

You get to choose whatever works best for you!





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Who is a good candidate for dental implants?

A. Almost anyone with a fully developed jawbone who is missing a single tooth, multiple teeth, or all teeth is a candidate. Normally, this means patients over 18 years of age.

Q. What do implants cost?

A. The cost varies by patient need, bone quantity, and region. Because solutions are custom made in response to your dental circumstances, the best thing to do is schedule a **FREE consultation** with your Thornton Dental dentist. At that time we can assess your case and estimate costs.

Q. How long do dental implants last?

A. With proper care, **implants should last for life**. Dental implants are not susceptible to dental disease such as decay; however, the health of the gums is important to lasting implant success. Conscientious home care and regular professional cleanings and check-ups are essential elements in retaining your implant.

Q. Does the procedure cause pain?

A. Having dental implants placed is **usually not painful**. In fact, it is often one of the least painful procedures available. There may be some swelling or sensitivity after surgery, but it should pass quickly. **Most patients need no more than Advil, if that.**

Q. Do I get my implants and teeth at the same time?

A. It **typically takes 2-3 months** for an implant to fully integrate into the bone. In some instances, the implant can receive a crown immediately following surgery, but this is done on a case-by-case basis. Normally you receive a temporary tooth until implant healing is complete.

Q. Are there differences between dental implant brands?

A. Generally, all dental implants supplied in Australia are good quality, but some work better than others in specific situations due to differences in method of manufacture, location of manufacture, design, and finish. It is best to discuss this with your Thornton Dental dentist, as **high-quality materials can lead to better outcomes.**

Q. Crunching, chewing, and chomping – how soon can I eat anything I want?

After the posts are implanted avoid extremely hot foods. Do not use a straw for the first few days. It is sometimes advisable to confine the first days intake to liquids or pureed foods. Avoid chewing food until tongue sensation has returned. Avoid foods like rice, nuts, sunflower seeds, popcorn, etc., which may get stuck in surgical areas. After the implants are complete you should be able to live completely normally, including eating!

Q. Can an implant be placed directly after an extraction?

A. This is on a case-by-case basis, depending on the condition of your jawbone and the extraction site. More Questions?

When our patients have questions, we want to answer them! To get answers to your questions about dental implants, just ask about our FREE, no pressure, and no obligation consultations. Meet with us today and get answers to ALL of your questions!

Our Commitment To You – FREE Dental Implant Consultation

As your partners in dental health, Thornton Dental offers a 100% FREE dental implant consultation!

Every patient has a unique situation that requires a unique solution.

After your **FREE consultation** you will completely understand your options, the treatment, and exactly how much dental implants will cost.

You may also learn about financing options and discuss next steps.

Get your **Personalised Treatment Plan** today!

Just call Thornton Dental on **(02) 4966 2996!**

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