

## Dental Implants

Dental implants are a permanent and appealing solution to replace missing or extracted teeth. Unlike many alternatives, no additional teeth need to be altered to place the new tooth.

The cost for your implant will vary depending on the oral surgeon you choose and the treatment you require. Your oral surgeon will provide you with their treatment plan and their cost for the placement of your implant. Our office will provide you with an estimate for the final implant restoration (abutment and crown) which Dr. Cain/Dr. Morris will perform. ***The fees from your oral surgeon are separate from our fees and are your responsibility.***

The entire implant process is performed over the course of a few months. The first part of the process is to install the implant itself, where a screw is placed into the jaw bone. We will refer you to an oral surgeon for this.

The implant may require about 3-6 months for healing, and during this period the jaw bone will form around the implant. At this time, our office may be able to install temporary crowns so that you can eat and speak normally and maintain a proper aesthetic appearance for your smile. ***This would be an additional cost to the patient and normally is not covered by insurance.***

After the implant has healed and your oral surgeon has released you, it is time to place an abutment on the implant. Dr. Cain/Dr. Morris will do this. The abutment serves as the base for your new tooth. Once this is placed, an impression of the abutment is taken and sent to the lab to create your permanent crown (tooth). We will require at least ½ of your estimated out of pocket amount at this appointment. You will then schedule to return to our office in approximately 3-4 weeks to have your permanent crown (tooth) seated. The remaining ½ of your estimated out of pocket (or your remaining balance) will be due at this appointment.

Your smile will look just like it used to, and after a short period of getting used to the implant it will feel like one of your own teeth.

