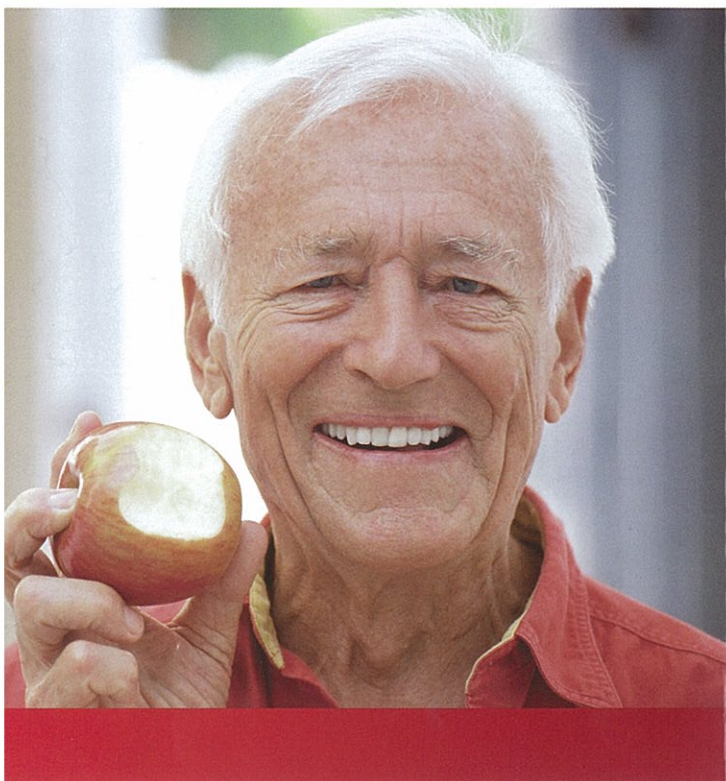


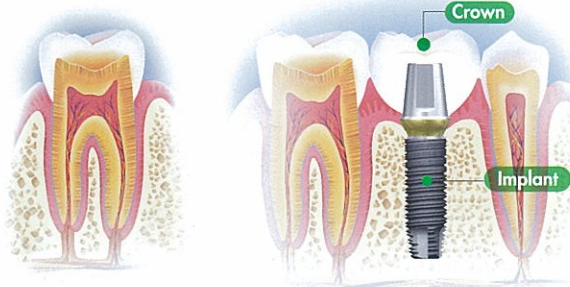
Dental Implants

If you have lost your natural teeth, dental implants can offer you the confidence of a **smile** that looks and feels natural.



● Understanding Implants

Think about your natural tooth. It has a root, which is the part of the tooth that holds it firmly in your jawbone. Your tooth also has a crown, which is the portion above the gums – the part that you see in your mouth.



• Diagram of natural tooth

• Diagram of implant

A dental implant replaces your lost tooth in a similar way. The implant fixture is fixed in your jawbone to give stability. Then, a crown is placed over the fixture to give you a natural looking tooth.

● Advantages of dental implants

Implants are, increasingly, the treatment of choice for the replacement of teeth because they offer stability to artificial teeth. Many people now enjoy the confidence and comfort that dental implants can give them.

Implants can be used to replace just one tooth or it can support several artificial teeth. Your dentist can discuss with you how your replacement teeth can be designed.

● Can anyone benefit from implants?

To have implants you must...

- be in good general health.
- have clean, healthy gums.
- be a non-smoker.
- be committed to keeping your new smile healthy with good, daily hygiene.
- have enough bone height and width in the area where the teeth are lost.

With modern techniques and materials, it may be possible to overcome difficulties posed by insufficient bone.

● How long will the treatment take?

The insertion of the implant fixture usually takes less than an hour. However, it is essential for the bone to heal by fusing with the dental implant. This healing period can take about 3-6 months before the crowns, bridges or dentures to replace your lost teeth can be constructed over the implants.

● What is involved in the treatment?

Implant treatment can sometimes involve several dentists. For example, you may need an oral surgeon to place the implant and another dentist to make the crown, bridge or denture. A thorough examination and diagnosis is essential for the success of the treatment. You would also need to take some X-rays to determine whether there is enough bone for the implant placement. During the healing period, you will need to go back to your dentist for reviews and checks.

Many people have found that the time and investment to get dental implants is well worth it because implants are the next best thing to their natural teeth and smile.

YOUR DENTIST

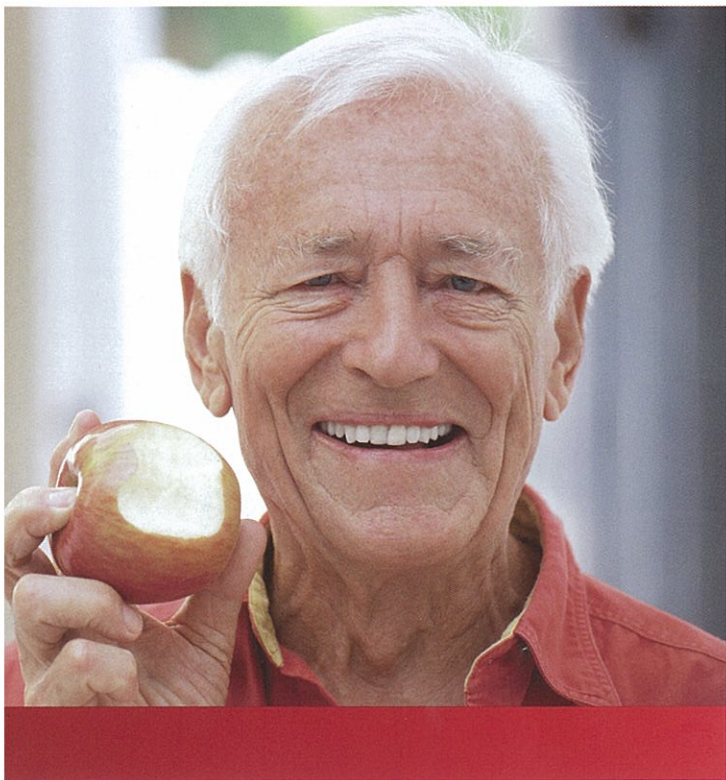


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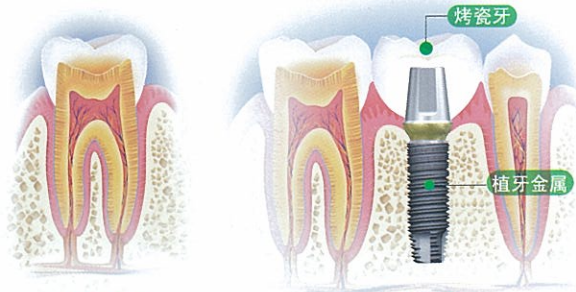
口腔植牙

如果您已经失去您的牙齿，口腔植牙将能让您重获自信与自然的笑容。



● 了解植牙

天然的牙齿是由牙冠与牙根组成。牙根将牙齿牢牢地扎在牙床骨里。牙冠则是展露在牙龈以外的部分。



• 自然牙图

• 植牙图

口腔植牙也是按照如此的结构，将一颗螺丝般的金属植入牙床骨里以取代牙根，然后再造一颗烤瓷牙固定在这植牙金属之上。这样的疗程将能为您再造一颗全新自然的人造植牙齿。

● 口腔植牙的优势

以植牙来取代所损失的牙齿之所以如此受欢迎，主要是因为它那高度的稳定。这让许多接受治疗的人们，感到舒适与自信。植牙可以取代单颗或数颗损失了的牙齿。您的牙医将能协助您策划整个疗程。

● 谁能从植牙获益？

在接受植牙之前，您：

- 须有健康的身体
- 须有健康的牙龈
- 不抽烟
- 须坚持高度的日常口腔卫生
- 需植牙的牙床骨须有足够的高度与厚度。

以现代的技术与原料，牙医将能克服牙床骨不足的问题。

● 治疗的时间有多长？

植牙手术一般能在一小时内完成。然而植牙金属需三至六个月才能与牙床骨结合。之后牙医便能在牢固的植牙金属上制造新的烤瓷牙或假牙。

● 治疗过程还牵涉些什么？

植牙过程在某些情况之下，需数名牙医进行治疗。例如，由口腔外科医生进行较复杂的植牙手术，然后由另一位牙医进行修复新的假牙或烤瓷牙的疗程。

植牙疗程首先须做一个详细的口腔检查和X光检验以确定牙床骨是否足够。在植牙愈合的期间内，您必须按照指示定期复诊。

至今有许多人都认为进行口腔植牙所付出的时间与金钱都是值得的。这是因为用植牙来取代所失去的牙齿是最适合不过的。

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