# 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.

### **IMPLANTS**

## A permanent solution, a better quality of life



Replace Your Missing Tooth, Preserve Your Bone, and Restore Your Confidence with Implant Therapy

#### Why choose dental implants?

dental implant is designed to replace the root of a missing tooth. Once placed 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.

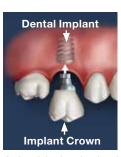
By contrast, traditional treatment techniques call for the removal of healthy material from the teeth on either side of the affected area, creating a "prep" on which to seat a bridge that spans the gap. This bridge is not only less natural in appearance than an individual tooth, but is harder to properly 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

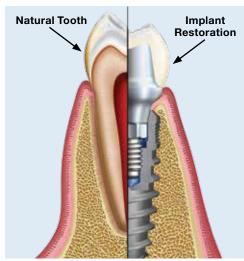


With a fixed bridge, the teeth adjacent to the missing tooth are prepared to support three connected crowns.



A dental implant is placed directly into the bone underlying the area of the missing tooth. A crown is attached to the implant, leaving the adjacent teeth intact while preserving the bone of the jaw.

#### **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. When a dental implant is inserted into the jaw, it provides the stimulation needed to prevent bone loss and supports a restoration that looks, feels and functions like a natural tooth.

#### Final Restoration







Once healing is complete, your dentist will seat atop the implant a final crown that combines maximum strength with tooth-like esthetics. The final implant restoration preserves chewing capability, protects adjacent teeth, and improves self-esteem, comfort and confidence. And with proper care, dental implants can last a lifetime.