

DENTAL & AESTHETICS



DENTAL IMPLANT INFORMATION GUIDE

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WHAT IS DENTAL IMPLANT?

A dental implant is a small, strong post made of titanium that is placed into your jawbone to replace the root of a missing tooth. It provides a stable foundation to support a natural-looking replacement tooth (crown), bridge, or denture.

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE MOLTONS DENTAL?

We strive for excellence in clinical standards and customer service, while upholding our caring, family-oriented values. At Moltons Dental, we use world-renowned implant systems back by years of clinical research. We will never compromise on the quality of implants we use – after all, your new tooth or teeth ought to last you for years to come, and that's just not possible without excellent restorations, and placement techniques.

ARE DENTAL IMPLANTS EXPENSIVE?

Dental implants are an investment not just in your future oral health, but in your emotional wellbeing, ability to eat the foods you love, and to speak with the clarity you deserve. Whilst it is possible to get cheap implants, unfortunately, in many cases cheaper materials are used, the planning stages are rushed, and post-operative complications are common as sterilisation techniques are not as rigorous as in clinics such as ours.

IS DENTAL IMPLANT TREATMENT PAINFUL?

When planned and executed by an experienced implant dentist, the implant surgery is straightforward and painless. We will use local anaesthetic to numb the gum, so you should only feel some light to moderate pressure as the dentist places your implant. We also offer intravenous (IV) sedation to help relax nervous patients, which induces a state of total relaxation, and renders your anxiety redundant – it's also very common not to remember the procedure under IV sedation.

AM I SUITABLE FOR DENTAL IMPLANTS?

Many patients are surprised that they are eligible for implants, despite factors such as their age, general health condition, and the length of time they have been living with missing teeth. You will need to undergo a full evaluation X-rays, and CBCT scan to assess your suitability for dental implants.

IF I NEED AN EXTRACTION BEFORE IMPLANTS, WILL I HAVE A GAP IN MY SMILE?

If the gap in your smile is at the back of the mouth, we do not generally recommend fitting a temporary tooth. However, for gaps at the front of your smile (that are more visible) we can place a temporary tooth after a tooth extraction, so you won't have to worry about a gap in your teeth disrupting your smile's appearance while your jaw heals after the extraction.

WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME FOR GETTING A DENTAL IMPLANT?

This can depend on the complexity of the case we are treating, which can be influenced by the condition of your mouth prior to treatment and how many teeth are being replaced.

The average time is generally between 3-6 month from the very first appointment.

DO IMPLANTS EVERY FAIL, AND IS THERE ANY GUARANTEE?

In the unlikely event that your bone fails to grow onto an implant, we offer the choice of either a full refund, or to replace the dental implant completely free of charge. We generally find that patients wish to try again, and that a second failure is exceptionally rare.

CAN YOU REPLACE ALL OF MY TEETH WITH DENTAL IMPLANTS?

Yes. Using a procedure known as ALL-on-X, (X referring to the number of implants used), it's possible to use a small number of strategically angled implants to secure a whole set of teeth in place.



MY DENTURES ARE SLIPPING AROUND IN MY MOUTH - CAN IMPLANTS HELP?

A million times, yes!

I'VE HAD MISSING TEETH FOR MANY YEARS – AM I SUITABLE FOR IMPLANTS?

This isn't normally a barrier to entry for treatment with dental implants. At Moltons Dental, we have worked with patients with very little of their own jawbone. The solution is to create new and healthy bone with a bone graft.

In the (very rare) cases where a bone graft is not possible, or you would prefer not to have a bone graft, we can explore other options to help you achieve a full smile again.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM IMPLANT SURGERY AND THE PROCEDURE JOURNEY?

It's completely normal to be nervous before your implant surgery (and indeed before surgery of any kind).

Our compassionate clinical team and Treatment Coordinator will do everything possible to make you feel relaxed and confident of a smooth experience before your implant surgery. You will be greeted by our friendly the team, who will make sure you are comfortable.

Your implant dentist will go through what to expect from procedure again (they will have previously explained this during your consultation) and ensure you understand, feel calm, and have no further questions. If you have opted IV sedation, please follow the pre-op instruction given to you. Your dentist will numb the area with local anaesthetic and ensure that you are fully numb and comfortable. The procedure is then carried out by your implant dentist.

Please note that your appointment slot for implant surgery is longer than needed to ensure you are not rushed, and that you have ample time to recover, and for your dentist to make sure the anaesthetic is functioning as it should. It generally takes 15 minutes to place a single implant, so the surgery itself is actually very short.

We observe great precision when placing implants, and our dentists are trained in gentle, minimally-invasive methods. We also don't use any tools that create potentially off-putting noises (think high-pitched dental drills!) Everything we do in the run up to, and during your implant surgery is sensitive not just down to the physical well-being of our patients, but their emotional welfare and needs too.

In the majority of cases, a small metal cap is adhered over the top of the implant to aid with the healing process and prevent the need for further surgery. Your dentist may also place some dissolvable stitches. These can be removed after 1-2 weeks if you are experiencing any discomfort as a result of the stitches.

Once your implant has been placed, we will provide written and verbal aftercare instructions, including how to clean your mouth after surgery. Remember that we are only a phone call away if you are unsure or worried about anything after your surgery is over. We will provide you with an out-of-hours contact number in case of emergencies.

Thanks to the expertise of our experienced implant dentists, you should experience only very minor (if any) discomfort following your implant surgery. In the vast majority of circumstances, any post-operative can be controlled with over-the-counter painkillers. Your dentist may prescribed antibiotics, if clinically appropriate.

We will book you in for an appointment 2 weeks after your implant surgery to review your healing progress. Approximately 3-4 months later, we will ask you to come back in to have an impression of your tooth taken, which will inform the unique design of your new tooth. Once your new tooth has been created (1-2 weeks after your impression-taking appointment), we will ask you to come in to have your final restoration (crown, dentures or bridge) fitted.

Please note that every case is individual and the length of time that it takes to plan and carry out treatment varies from patient to patient. We will give you an itemised overview of the projected timeline, and what to expect at every stage of treatment.



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

- All your treatment options will be explained to you verbally during your consultation, and a written treatment proposal will be provided afterward.
- If you have been referred by another dentist, we will keep them informed of your progress.
- We are committed to providing excellent aftercare and will always be available to support you.
- From your first phone call or visit, through to the completion of your treatment—and beyond—we aim to deliver an exceptional experience.
- We always use the latest advanced technology and techniques to provide premium-quality dental procedures.
- Our top priority is helping you achieve a healthy, beautiful smile while ensuring you feel relaxed, comfortable, and completely satisfied.

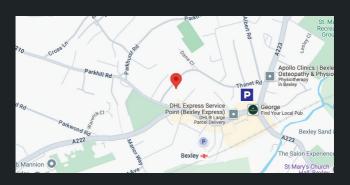


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PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

You're welcome to park next to the practice - just note that resident restrictions apply between 10:00 and 11:00 AM only. Patients are also welcome to park on the drive, subject to availability. There is ample public parking at the end of Thanet Road (DA5 1AP), just a 2-minute walk away, as well as at Bexley Station, which is a 6-minute walk. A bus stop is located 2 minutes away, with services including the 229, 132, and 269 buses.

OPENING HOURS

Mondays - Friday: 9am to 5.30pm Saturdays: 9am to 1pm . Sundays: Closed

