

TOOTH REPLACEMENT OPTIONS

Dental Implants

IMPLANTS

Dental implants are a natural alternative for tooth replacement.

- ◆ Implants look and feel natural
- ◆ Implants do not involve adjacent teeth during the procedure
- ◆ Implants minimize future weakening of the jawbone
- ◆ Implants can be used to attach dentures securely

Implants are very stable and secure when placed correctly into the jawbone. A periodontist (gum disease) or oral and maxillofacial surgeon (dental surgeon) would perform the surgery to place the implant into the jaw below the gums. This placement acts like the root of a natural tooth. Once bone has securely healed around the placement area, which may take up to six months, Dr. Amie Rockow-Nelson would place the crown onto the implant. To produce a crown that best resembles and feels like your surrounding teeth, impressions will need to be taken prior to the crown placement. The production of your crown takes approximately 2-3 weeks. At this time the permanent crown would be cemented onto the implant and your smile will be restored back to its natural appearance.

IMPLANT PATIENT REQUIREMENTS

Patients must be in good health

Patients must have healthy gum tissue

Patients must have good bone tissue to support the implant

Patients must be considered a candidate for bone regeneration if bone is poor

Patients must be committed to good oral care at home

Patients must be committed to routine dental visits