

## Implants in Dentistry

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The goal of modern dentistry is to restore the patient to normal function, speech and esthetics regardless of the atrophy or injury of the stomatognathic system. Responding to this ultimate goal dental implants are an ideal option for people in good oral health who have lost a tooth (or teeth) due to periodontal disease, an injury or some other reasons. Dental implants are biocompatible metal anchors surgically positioned in the jaw bone underneath the gums to support an artificial crown where natural teeth are missing.

Dental implants represent an increasingly important treatment modality for both partially and completely edentulous patients. During the last few years the focus in implantology has shifted from implant survival to esthetic success. The criteria for implant success in the esthetic zone include the establishment of soft tissue contour with an intact inter proximal papilla and a gingival silhouette of the adjacent healthy dentition on.

The goal of modern implant dentistry is no longer represented solely by successful osseointegration. Today clinicians can prescribe the use of implants with the knowledge and confidence that they will predictably integrate the job on. Implant therapy offers many advantages over conventional fixed or removable treatment options and in many cases, is the treatment of choice. The ultimate success of implants is not only based on diagnosis, evaluation, treatment planning but also having a knowledge regarding the complications of implants and their fruitful management. In short it is always better to remember "Prevention Is Better than Cure" and "A Stitch in Time Saves Nine".

"Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind, than in the one where they sprung up".

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