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Parkcrest Dental Implant Guide



Parkcrest Dental Group has been leading dental implant services in Springfield, Missouri since 1974. Here, we're going to look at some of the details about dental implants, along with information about average costs and why they're worth the price.

What Are Dental Implants?

Dental implants are a way of replacing teeth permanently. Unlike traditional dentures, implants are fixed and act just like your natural teeth. Titanium fixtures are used to replace the roots of your natural teeth and are then fitted with a connector (abutment). This connector is what holds an artificial crown (designed to look just like your natural teeth) or implant dentures in place.

Dental implants are safe, and have lasting benefits for your oral health. The titanium used in the process has the unique benefit of being able to safely bond with human bone. This means your implants are permanently secured in your jaw.

How It Works

Dental implants work by replacing the roots of teeth. The titanium root is placed and fixed with a temporary crown while the implant has time to properly heal. After a few weeks or months (depending on the rate of healing) an abutment is put in place and a permanent artificial crown is secured.



Dental Implant Basics

To give you a better idea of how a dental implant works, we can take a look at the individual parts that are used to replace a tooth.

THE IMPLANT OR FIXTURE

The implant itself can also be called the fixture. This is the piece that's integrated with the bone after the tooth and the root have been removed.

ABUTMENT/CONNECTOR

The connector is what holds the artificial tooth (crown) in place. The connector is securely screwed into the implant.

TEMPORARY CROWN

For the period of time it takes for the implant area to heal, a temporary crown can sometimes be placed so you don't have an empty space (or spaces) between teeth.

CROWN

The final crown is made of a strong ceramic material and is designed to look just like a natural tooth.

You can talk to a professional at Parkcrest Dental Group about dental implants today. Take a look at [our website](#), call [417-887-1220](tel:417-887-1220) or use the form at the bottom of this guide.

The Process

Wondering what comes next? Here are some steps that you can expect once you choose to begin the implant process.

+ CONSULTATION

Your first step in replacing missing teeth is a consultation. This initial consultation will help determine how long the overall procedure is likely to take. This will include factors such as how many teeth are being replaced, whether any additional teeth need to be removed, your medical and dental health, and any other questions or topics relevant to your treatment.

+ PLACING THE IMPLANT

Advanced imaging is used to determine the anatomy of the site. An incision is made in the gums, and specialized drills are used to prepare the site for the implant fixtures. The site is then closed with stitches and allowed to heal. Sometimes a connector piece (that extends out of the gums in order to facilitate a different method of healing) is placed on top of the implant. This connecting piece is called a healing abutment. Temporary teeth are used for a good cosmetic/aesthetic appearance during all phases of treatment.

+ CONCERNS ABOUT PAIN OR DISCOMFORT

At Parkcrest Dental Group, we understand that a lot of people are worried about pain or discomfort when it comes to oral surgery. These kinds of concerns are totally normal, and you can feel free to address any of them with your doctor. We do everything we can to minimize pain and anxiety during your procedure. In some circumstances, we can offer sedation dentistry if anxiety is a concern for you. Just ask Parkcrest Dental Group about our sedation dentistry services.

HEALING PROCESS

Depending on the number of implants you have and your body's own healing process, it can be a number of weeks or a few months until things are healed. Over this period, the implant will fuse with the bone around it, making it totally secure.

CARING FOR YOUR NEW IMPLANT AND TEMPORARY CROWN

It's important to take care of your new implant (and any temporary crown that may have been placed) to help the healing process. Keep up your regular dental hygiene routine by brushing gently with a soft-bristled brush. Some pain, bruising, or swelling is normal and can be remedied with over the counter products such as ibuprofen.

For individual dental implants you should:

- Gently brush twice a day
- Use a gentle, non-abrasive toothpaste
- Floss
- Brush carefully around the implant
- Use any additional recommended oral hygiene tools

Be sure that you follow any and all advice about keeping your implant site in good condition.

ONCE IT'S HEALED

Once the healing process is done, the second phase begins. This involves removing the temporary crown and taking a mold so that perfectly designed and fitted tooth can be made to go in its place. This process may need a few additional weeks to complete. Once the new tooth is finished it will be installed in place of the temporary crown.

CARING FOR PERMANENT IMPLANTS

Your new dental implant or implants should be maintained and regularly checked by a dental professional just like your natural teeth. Remember that, even though your new implant is artificial, it's essential that you continue to brush and floss as normal.

The Benefits of Using Dental Implants

Some of the biggest benefits of implants include:

LASTING STRENGTH AND DURABILITY

Like your natural teeth, with the right amount of care and good oral hygiene, implants can last years. They offer improved durability compared to more traditional replacements such as dentures.

NO MODIFICATION OF ADJACENT TEETH IS NECESSARY.

By using implants, you make it possible to replace one or more missing teeth without having to alter the surrounding healthy teeth.

PRESERVATION OF JAW BONE

In many ways, a healthy dental implant can stop bone loss. When a tooth root is lost bone loss in the jaw continues indefinitely. A dental implant can prevent this from happening.

COMFORT AND NATURAL APPEARANCE

Also like your natural teeth, you won't even think about them once they're fully fitted. Implants are designed to look and feel just like real teeth.

PROVEN SUCCESS

Dental implants have been in use for over 30 years. Parkcrest has been a leader in the implant process in Springfield since 1974. Countless people have found the perfect solution for tooth replacement with implants. The success rate of dental implants has only gotten higher as technology has improved.



Cost of Implants

The cost of a dental implant procedure can vary depending on where you're having it done, but a single implant, including the abutment and crown, will generally fall between \$3000 and \$5000. This may seem like a broad figure, but it's important to remember that no two patients are alike, which can affect the cost of a procedure.



Cost Breakdown

When you're assessing the cost of dental implants, it's important to think about why they cost the amount they do. Remember that the cost isn't just for the implant itself, but is an investment in your dental and oral health, along with your overall well-being.

You're also paying for a complex procedure carried out by a professional, and for long-term benefits. When you factor these elements in and include the cost of the durable materials used, you can really start to see the value behind what you pay.

You're not just paying for the procedure and the benefits. You're also making an investment in the professional care and additional services available at Parkcrest Dental Group. This includes other procedures such as:

- Sinus lift augmentation
- Bone grafting techniques
- Implant site development
- Computer-enhanced treatment planning
- Implant maintenance

This is all combined to give you a full, intensive, patient-focused experience from our expert staff. Every patient we see is different, and we'll always be available to discuss your treatment and treatment timeline with you.



Other Services from Parkcrest Dental

Parkcrest Dental Group offers a range of dental services to people living in and around Springfield. We are the only multi-specialty practice in Southwest Missouri offering board certified specialists in pediatrics and orthodontics in one location. Are you looking for [general dentistry](#)? [Orthodontics](#)? [Pediatric dentistry services](#)? You'll find it at Parkcrest Dental Group.



About Parkcrest Dental

[Parkcrest Dental Group](#) has been providing multi-specialty dental services in Southwest Missouri for over 40 years. We're dedicated to: offering the absolute best in patient care, helping you achieve the smile you deserve, and living by our motto of Making Great Smiles Easy!

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