

Dentistry in Budapest

Implants and Crowns

Why dental implants?

We can restore missing teeth without needing to grind down adjacent teeth or employing traditional dentures. You will smile with confidence again. No other dental procedure can give you a more natural look or anchor crowns more securely.

How do dental implants work?

Dental implants act as artificial roots. They are surgically placed into your jaw, and are the closest substitute to natural teeth in form and function. Once a dental implant is firmly set into the jaw, it can be used to support single crowns, bridges and dentures. Whether you are missing one tooth, several teeth or all of your teeth, dental implants may be an option for you.

What is the implant procedure?

The first step in the process is the development of an individual treatment plan.

Next, the tooth root implant, which is a small post made of titanium, is placed into the bone socket of the missing tooth. As the jawbone heals, it grows around the implanted metal post, anchoring it securely in the jaw. The healing process can take from 3 to 6 months.

Once the implant has bonded to the jawbone, a small connector post - called an abutment - is attached to the post to securely hold the new tooth. A replacement tooth, called a crown, is then attached to the abutment.

How do I care for my dental implants?

Caring for dental implants is the same as caring for natural teeth. Simply follow the oral hygiene basics, which include brushing, flossing and regular dental check-ups. Our dentist or hygienist will show you how to keep your new teeth clean.

Are dental implants suitable for everyone?

Yes, but patients must be committed to good oral hygiene and regular dental visits. Heavy smokers, people suffering from uncontrolled chronic disorders - such as diabetes or heart disease - or patients who have had radiation therapy to the head/neck area need to be evaluated on an individual basis.

What are the advantages of dental implants?

- Improved appearance: Dental implants look and feel like your own teeth.
- Improved speech: Dental implants allow you to speak without the worry that your teeth might slip.
- Improved comfort: Because they become part of you, implants eliminate the discomfort of removable dentures.
- Easier eating: Dental implants function like your own teeth, allowing you to eat your favorite foods with confidence and without pain.
- Improved self-esteem: Dental implants can give you back your smile, and help you feel better about yourself.
- Improved oral health: Dental implants don't require reducing other teeth, as a tooth-supported bridge does.
- Durability: Implants are very durable and will last many years.

How successful are dental implants?

Our clinic has a dental implant success rate of 98% and, with proper care, implants can last a lifetime.

Why is a dental crown necessary?

- To protect a weak tooth from breaking or to hold together parts of a cracked tooth
- To restore an already broken tooth or a tooth that has been severely worn down
- To cover and support a tooth with a large filling when there isn't a lot of tooth left
- To hold a dental bridge in place

- To cover misshaped or severely discolored teeth
- To cover a dental implant

What types of crown materials are available?

- Metal crown
- Porcelain-fused-to-metal crown
- Porcelain-fused-to-gold crown
- All resin crown
- All ceramic crown

What steps are involved in preparing a tooth for a crown?

Preparing a tooth for a crown usually requires two visits - the first involves examining and preparing the tooth, the second involves placement of the permanent crown.

How should I care for my temporary dental crown?

- Avoid sticky, chewy foods (for example, chewing gum, caramel), which have the potential of grabbing and pulling the crown out.
- Minimize use of the side of your mouth with the temporary crown. Shift the bulk of your chewing to the other side of your mouth.
- Avoid chewing hard foods (such as raw vegetables), which could dislodge or break the crown.
- Slide flossing material out-rather than lifting out-when cleaning your teeth. Lifting the floss out, as you normally would, might pull off the temporary crown.

How long do dental crowns last?

On average, dental crowns last between 5 and 15 years. The life span of a crown depends on the amount of "wear and tear" the crown is exposed to, how well you follow good oral hygiene practices, and your personal mouth-related habits (you should avoid such habits as grinding or clenching your teeth, chewing ice, biting your fingernails and using your teeth to open packaging).

Does a crowned tooth require any special care?

While a crowned tooth does not require any special care, remember that simply because a tooth is crowned it does not mean the underlying tooth is protected from decay or gum disease. Therefore, continue to follow good oral hygiene practices, including brushing your teeth at least twice a day and flossing once a day-especially around the crown area where the gum meets the tooth.