

# A Few Surprising Facts About Dental Implants



If you've been looking into tooth replacement options for yourself, you've probably learned some of the basic facts about dental implants. For example, you may know that dental implants consist of a titanium post that is anchored to your jaw bone, a tooth-shaped crown, and an abutment that holds the crown to the titanium post. You may also know that dental implants look and function just like natural teeth and that no one but your dentist will know you have them. But there are probably still things that you don't know about dental implants. Below are some facts that may surprise you.

## Dental Implants Outlast Other Tooth Replacement Options

Ideally, you would keep your natural teeth for the rest of your life, but when that can't happen, you want a durable tooth replacement option. However, most tooth replacement options are not permanent. A bridge, for example, is only as healthy as the teeth around it—it will need to be replaced if one of the teeth on either side of the bridge is damaged. And a bridge tends to put pressure on the teeth around it, so damage is almost inevitable. Dentures also aren't permanent—over time, they'll become worn or need to be adjusted or replaced as your mouth changes shape. Dental implants, however, are a permanent tooth replacement option. They're anchored into place, and will only need to be removed if they become damaged or in rare cases of dental implant failure. As long as you take care of your dental implants, the way that you would take care of your natural teeth, you'll have them for the rest of your life.

## Dental Implants are More Popular Than You Think

There's a misperception that dental implants are an uncommon choice among dental patients, but the truth is that more and more patients are choosing dental implants every day. According to the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, three million patients have dental implants, and the number of patients choosing implants continues to grow by as much as 500,000 a year. Dental implants have become more affordable and accessible as the technology involved in placing them has advanced. If you're considering dental implants for yourself, you are among a growing number of patients who are making the same choice. Are dental implants a good choice for you? The best way to find out is to meet with a dental implant dentist. Contact us today to [schedule a consultation by calling 617-969-8558](tel:617-969-8558).



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