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## **“What Are Dental Implants And How Are They Used To Replace Missing Teeth With Crowns?” Part 1**

There are many reasons for teeth loss. Among them are decay, periodontal (gum and bone), trauma, and congenital. Failure to replace missing teeth can lead to shifting, drifting and greater wear of other teeth, bite changes, chewing difficulty, etc.

When teeth are lost, the most comfortable treatment for you is a non-removable solution. In the non-implant fixed bridge procedure, teeth adjacent to the missing tooth or teeth are prepared for crowns. The missing section is attached to them and the finished case is cemented.

With implants the adjacent teeth do **not** have to be touched, and you will have a fixed not removable solution. A single implant will replace one missing tooth. If more than one tooth is missing it is not always necessary to place an implant for each missing tooth.

Thankfully, dental implants offer some of the in modern dentistry. They can often provide teeth. They have a very good prognosis and the rest of their lives.



finest restorative results possible a permanent solution for missing for many patients they will last

Constructed of titanium, implants are shaped painlessly placed into the jawbone.

like screws and are easily and



Once placed they will actually attach to the bone of the jaw through a process called osteointegration. (Osseo meaning bone from the Greek and Latin.)



After the implant is placed an abutment is fastened into it.

A crown is then cemented on the abutment.

Sometimes we may screw the crown and abutment together into the implant. These crowns are called “implant supported crowns”.

In the next newspaper Dr, Hirschberg will list and answer frequently asked questions such as:

- Are implants always successful?
- Is everyone a candidate for successful?
- Are implant supported teeth as strong as may natural teeth?