# **DENTAL IMPLANTS**

#### **INVESTING IN A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE**

What if... you could enhance your appearance, improve your general health, and enrich your quality of life? Would it be worth the cost? Of course it would! And that is why dental implants are such an excellent choice.

## WHAT ARE DENTAL IMPLANTS?

Dental implants are a state-of-the-art treatment and the finest way to restore your missing teeth. This long-term, highly successful treatment prevents further bone loss and enhances the quality of patients' lives. We realize that most patients with missing teeth want to restore the feeling of their own natural teeth - and dental implants do just that. Dental implants can replace a single missing tooth or any number of missing teeth, and can be used successfully with crowns, bridges, or dentures to prevent slipping, loosening, or sore spots. Dental implants have a 98% success rate and provide tremendous improvement in the quality of life for many of our patients. In some cases, implants mean being able to enjoy foods that patients avoided because of missing teeth or loose dentures.

### ARE DENTAL IMPLANTS A NEW PROCEDURE?

No, the implants we use today have been developed and perfected within the last 30 years. The implant systems we use in our practice are the best that implant dentistry has to offer.

## WILL PEOPLE KNOW I HAVE IMPLANTS?

Not unless you tell them! Many patients are ecstatic that they have dental implants due to the benefits they receive from having them in place.

#### **HOW LONG DOES TREATMENT TAKE?**

Treatment time for surgical placement of implants and healing depends on the type of surgery needed to place the implants. The process can take from 3 to 6 months, or in some cases, 18-24 months. The majority of cases do not require the patient to be without some form of tooth replacement during the healing phase of the treatment.

#### THE BENEFITS ARE PLAIN AND SIMPLE

- · Increased chewing function and taste
- Improved speech
- Preserve remaining natural teeth
- Provide increased comfort
- Improved self-esteem
- Eliminate partials/dentures
- Ensure tooth stability
- Eliminate adhesives
- Reduce bone loss
- Restore natural tooth appearance



