DENTAL IMPLANTS

The Best Value for Your Buck

Are You a Candidate for Dental Implants?

The Significance of Lost Teeth
Implant dentistry has become one of the most important fields in modern oral health care. In years past dentists had few options for replacing missing teeth other than using appliances such as dentures and bridges to restore the mouth to a functional state.

Patients are now granted a superior option to replace missing or damaged teeth with dental implants. Dental implants mimic the natural tooth and root structure, thereby offering patients a third set of teeth. Using artificial teeth with titanium roots anchored directly into the jawbone a dentist can fill in empty gaps caused by age, injury or disease. The titanium roots bond with the jawbone, forming a tight, stable union called osseointegration. The strong artificial teeth are created using porcelain and gold materials that closely match the strength and shape of natural teeth and offer patients a one-time fix. Furthermore, should the mouth require more elaborate procedures, implants provide the perfect anchor.

In the past dentists had to rely upon dentures and bridges to replace missing teeth. This often leads to a domino effect of dental work. Dentures and bridges will eventually fail; bridges on average within 12 years. Bridges fail as a result of the breakdown in the margin causing decay underneath the anchoring teeth. This decay is a result of the flexing of the bridge. Decay causes the need for root canals, extractions, crowns, partial removable dentures or yet another bridge. In time, this replacement bridge will also fail, causing even more decay and dental work. Dentures will also begin to wear down and become uncomfortable. This results because they are made from a hard plastic material which is placed upon soft tissue. In addition, when there is no root in the jawbone, resorption is the result and the jawbone actually disintegrates, causing other teeth in the mouth to shift and the appearance of the face to sink in. Dental implants are the only solution to stop this bone loss.

Dental implants not only offer the most effective solution, but are also the best value for your buck. Dental implants actually cost you less than a denture or bridge over your lifetime. Because dental implants can last thirty or more years, you would replace your bridge or denture three times during the life of one implant restoration.
Problems with Dentures and Bridges

- 50-75% loss of chewing capacity
- 24% increase in gastrointestinal problems due to lack of chewing capacity
- 17% increase in medication usage due to body not absorbing nutrients efficiently due to lack of chewing capacity
- Life expectancy reduced by an estimated 10 years, attributed to lack of proper nutritional intake
- 25% bone resorption after 1 year
- 40% bone resorption after 2 years
- Increased cost and time
- Complicate other areas and teeth in the mouth

Dental Implants

- Closely mimic natural teeth and roots
- Are the most advanced tooth replacement system ever devised
- Preserve the jawbone to prevent to appearance of premature aging
- Improve comfort, appearance, speech
- Allow you to eat the foods you love and talk, smile and laugh with confidence
- Represent a conservative treatment option-adjacent teeth are left untouched
- Never develop decay
- Never require root canals
- Can completely eliminate the need for a denture
- Help maintain a healthy bone structure
- Give patients a third set of teeth that are natural looking and very long-lasting

Are You a Candidate for Dental Implants?

1. Are you missing one or more of your natural teeth?
2. Do you have a complete or partial denture that is no longer completely comfortable?
3. Have you ever been embarrassed by a denture or a bridge?
4. Do you avoid eating certain foods?
5. Have you ever experienced slipping or clicking while talking?
6. Do you have pain or irritation when chewing?
7. Do you feel you look older than you really are?

If you answered yes to any of these three questions, please contact Dr. Kevin Kremer of Kremer Dental Care. He has advanced training and extensive experience in all areas of Implant Dentistry. Dr. Kremer is a Fellow in the International Congress of Oral Implantologists, a Fellow in the Misch International Implant Institute and a Fellow in the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies. Kremer Dental Care is a general practice in Chico, California specializing in both dental implants and TMJ Disorders. Dr. Kremer has a dental implant success rate of over 98%. To obtain your free implant brochure, please contact Kremer Dental Care at (530) 892-1234 or visit the website at www.kremerdental.com.
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Your jawbone is there because of your teeth. The bone in your jaw is like a muscle because it needs exercise to maintain its shape and functionality. When teeth are lost, the jawbone stops getting exercise, causing the bone to melt away or reabsorb. Bone resorption is a major cause of facial aging in people that lose their teeth and also for dentures to continually become loose and need to be relined. Implants are the only current solution to stop bone resorption. Dental Implants are better for your overall health, your pocketbook as well as your youthful appearance!