



Value-Added Implant Program Plan Member

The Value-Added Implant Program is available only when a Willamette Dental general dentist or specialist performs the entire treatment: preparation, surgery, appliance and seating. In situations where bone and tissues are not suitable for treatment, additional surgeries may be required. Additional surgery may require additional costs.

The Value-Added Implant Program entitles Willamette Dental Plan Members to receive a 20% discount* on dental implant services from Willamette Dental providers.

Value added dental implant treatment is not an insurance covered benefit. The patient will be responsible for all fees.

For Example:

The cost of a single implant crown including, surgery, prefab abutment, stent and crown is \$3,617 after applying the 20% discount.*

***Discount is 20% off of the Willamette Dental provider's usual, customary and reasonable fee-for-service price of implant services.**

All payments are due at the time of service.

Getting Started

Patients with healthy gums, good bone structure and excellent oral hygiene habits are usually good candidates for implant restoration treatment.

If you feel implants are right for you, then the first step is to call 800-461-8994 and schedule an initial implant consultation with your Willamette Dental dentist. Through this consultation, we can determine whether dental implant restorations are the right solution for you. The treating Willamette Dental dentist reserves the right to determine the suitability of implant therapy.

If you have any questions about dental implant restoration, then please call a Willamette Dental Patient Relations representative at 800-460-7644.

Tooth Replacement

If you have missing teeth, then look to Willamette Dental to return your bite to a full set of teeth with the proven high-tech procedure of dental implant restoration. Because a dental implant is an artificial tooth that performs much like your natural teeth, you will realize performance and esthetic advantages.

You can be assured of quality care in your dental implant restoration treatment from Willamette Dental. Each of our clinical professionals meets and maintains one of the highest credentialing standards in the dental industry.

Providers practice an evidence-based approach to dentistry, which simply means that you will receive the most appropriate treatment based on your individual needs. Throughout treatment, your doctors perform as clinical teams to give you total dental care oversight. Willamette Dental providers utilize today's proven technology and techniques to help you obtain your oral health goals.

**More Questions?
Call (800) 460-7644**

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Evidence-Based Dentistry
with a Focus on Prevention™



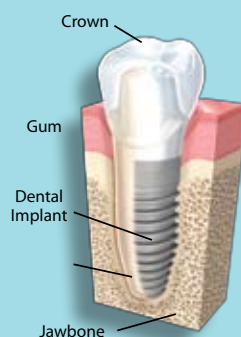
Historically, bridges or dentures have been the only options available to patients for the replacement of missing teeth. Due to advances in surgical techniques and technological improvements in materials there is now another option available to you. Dental implants are permanent tooth replacements that look and feel like your natural teeth.



A dental implant is today's advanced restoration procedure for securing a single artificial tooth or even a full arch of replacement teeth. Evidence has shown that this treatment is often the best solution, primarily because it does not affect any of your adjacent teeth as does a fixed bridge or removable denture. With a dental implant there is no grinding or crowning of your natural teeth for a bridge nor do you have any natural teeth clasped to secure a removable partial denture.



The dental implant is a small metal post that is surgically placed into your jawbone and is engineered to perform similar to the root of a natural tooth. Titanium metal is used because it has proven to be the most compatible metal with living bone and tissues. While healing, the bone grows and fuses to the post. This implanted post then supports a crown or over-denture just as roots hold your natural teeth in place.



A common reason that denture wearers choose implants is to improve the fit of their dentures. Loose dentures cause difficulty in chewing, as well as a fear of losing them while talking or eating. Dental implant restorations provide much more stability as an anchor for dentures. Patients that have received dental implants experience a significant improvement in their ability to chew food, and they proclaim that the implants are a more secure and comfortable solution.

With a single tooth replacement, the most striking reason for choosing an implanted restoration over a three-unit bridge is because the implant does not affect the adjacent teeth. With a three-unit bridge, each adjacent tooth must be ground down to accommodate a crown. It has been found that the longer you can keep your natural tooth structure the better it is for your long term dental health.

Another advantage of a dental implant is that it stimulates the jawbone with the pressure of chewing. This activity preserves the integrity of the bone. When a tooth is lost, the bone is not stimulated and it begins to shrink away. A dental implant helps to keep the jawbone intact and can prevent both bone loss and gum tissue shrinkage.

A dental implant restoration is also much easier to keep clean as compared to a bridge. Artificial teeth will not get cavities; however, brushing and flossing are extremely important to maintain healthy gums and to keep plaque away from the bone and gum tissue.