

## **Multiple Tooth Implants**



If you are missing several teeth, implant supported bridges can replace them. Dental implants are the clear choice and provide several advantages over other teeth replacements. In addition to looking and functioning like natural teeth, implant supported bridges replace teeth without support from adjacent natural teeth. Other common treatments for the loss of several teeth, such as fixed bridges or removable partial dentures, are dependent on support from adjacent teeth.

In addition, because implant-supported bridges will replace some of your tooth roots, your bone is better preserved. With a fixed bridge or removable partial denture, the bone that previously surrounded the tooth root may begin to resorb (deteriorate). Dental implants integrate with your jawbone, helping to keep the bone healthy and intact.

In the long term, implants are esthetic, functional and comfortable. Gums and bone can recede around a fixed bridge or removable partial denture, leaving a visible defect or causing extreme discomfort as your bone changes. Resorbed bone beneath bridges or removable partial dentures can lead to a collapsed, unattractive smile. The clasps found on most removable partial dentures also pull and push on the supporting teeth causing extensive damage to the teeth and bone. Removable partial dentures are also notoriously loose causing them to move around in your mouth and reduce your ability to talk and eat certain foods.