



## ***Implant-Retained Tooth Replacement***

*Tooth Replacement Therapy That Mimics Nature*

The premier choice for replacing missing teeth may be dental implants. Ask your dentist today about how dental implants may give you the closest thing to beautiful, natural teeth.



## ***What Is Implant-Retained Tooth Replacement?***

Teeth can be lost for a number of reasons, including cavities, periodontal disease or trauma. Did you know that by age 50, most Americans will have lost an average of 12 teeth? Additionally, the percentage of U.S. citizens aged 65 and older missing all of their natural teeth ranges from 13.9 to 47.9 percent, depending on the state in which they live.<sup>1</sup>

If you are missing your natural teeth, your dentist may recommend dental implants to replace the roots of some of the missing teeth. An implant-retained restoration will be created and placed on the dental implants to rebuild your teeth in a beautiful and natural looking manner. You can remove your teeth for brushing; but, otherwise, these will be secured in place by tiny anchors that only you and your dentist will know are there.



*Dental implants allow your teeth to be more stable than non-implant supported teeth.*



*Teeth secured in place utilizing dental implants.*



*Relative size of an actual dental implant.*

### ***Reference***

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. U.S. Public Health Service. 2000. *Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General*. Washington, D.C.: GPO.



### ***How Can I Benefit From Dental Implants?***

Did you know that oral health is a major factor of good general health?<sup>1</sup> Replacing your missing teeth with dental implants and implant-retained teeth may allow you to live your life more fully. When your treatment is complete, you should be able to chew, speak and socialize without experiencing the negative emotions that having missing teeth or hard-to-wear dentures can sometimes cause. Dental implants can also eliminate the need for denture adhesives.

Dental implants and implant-retained teeth will help minimize the amount of bone that will be lost in the areas of missing teeth. Preserving oral bone may help maintain your natural facial contours. Also, replacing your missing teeth may reduce the risk of having poorer nutritional habits often found in patients who do not replace missing teeth.<sup>1</sup>

### ***Am I A Candidate For Dental Implants And An Implant-Retained Restoration?***

Only your dentist can say for sure, but most patients can be treated with dental implants. Your dentist will want to evaluate you carefully with an examination and x-rays and will make specific recommendations to you about the best treatment to replace your missing teeth. Ask your dentist today for more information on how you might benefit from dental implants and implant-retained teeth.



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