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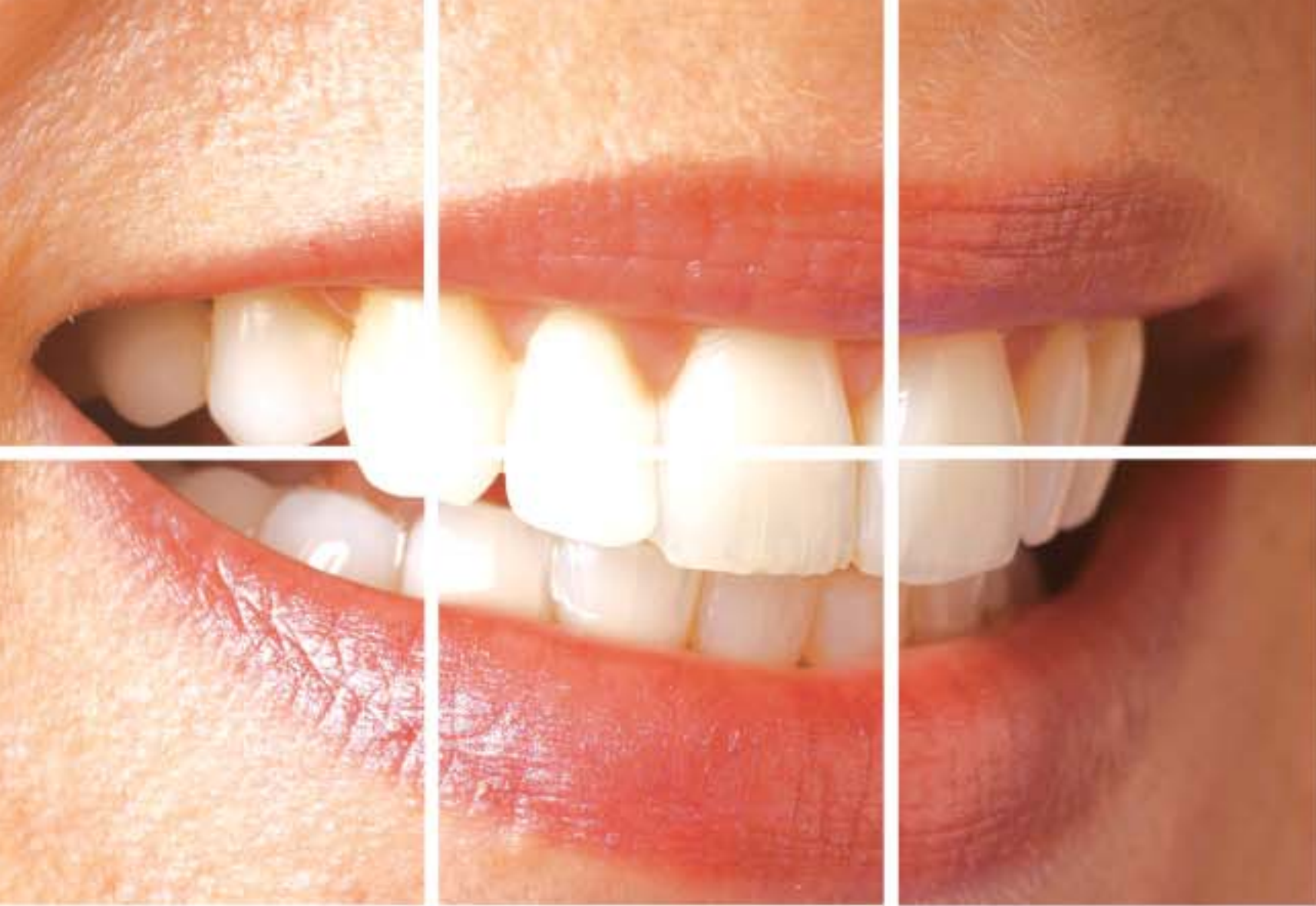


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THERE ARE A LOT  
OF REASONS  
TO SAY YES TO  
DENTAL  
IMPLANTS



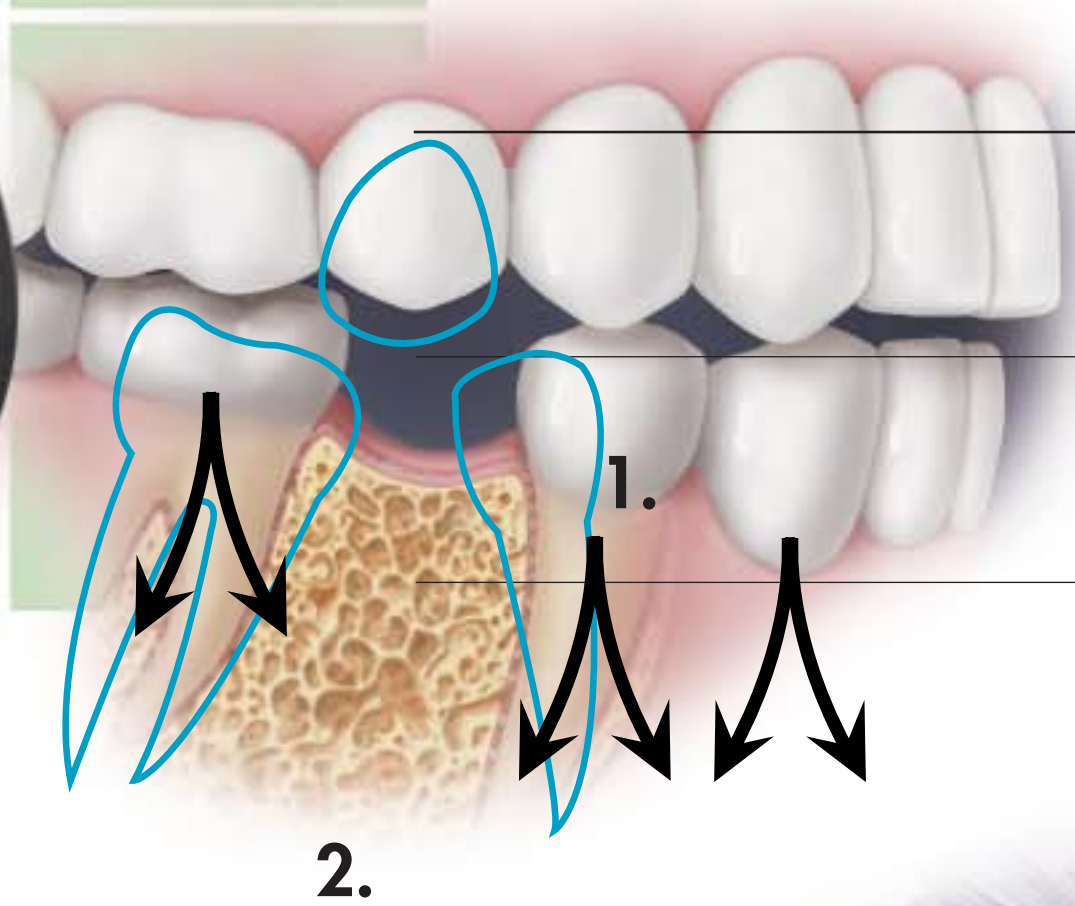
**Whether you're missing one tooth or all of your teeth, implants offer you the option most like your natural teeth.**

Implants can help to improve your overall quality of life. They can:

- Help to prevent bone loss
- Allow you to bite and chew naturally
- Allow you to enjoy your favorite foods again
- Help to improve your eating habits
- Help keep other teeth in position
- Allow you to speak naturally and feel like yourself
- Help you to feel more attractive
- Provide a permanent solution for missing teeth
- Simply help you enjoy life to the fullest



ONLY IMPLANTS  
CAN HELP TO  
PREVENT BONE  
LOSS



1. Here's a healthy tooth in the bone. The tooth root transfers biting forces to the bone and maintains its strength and position.

2. When a tooth is lost...

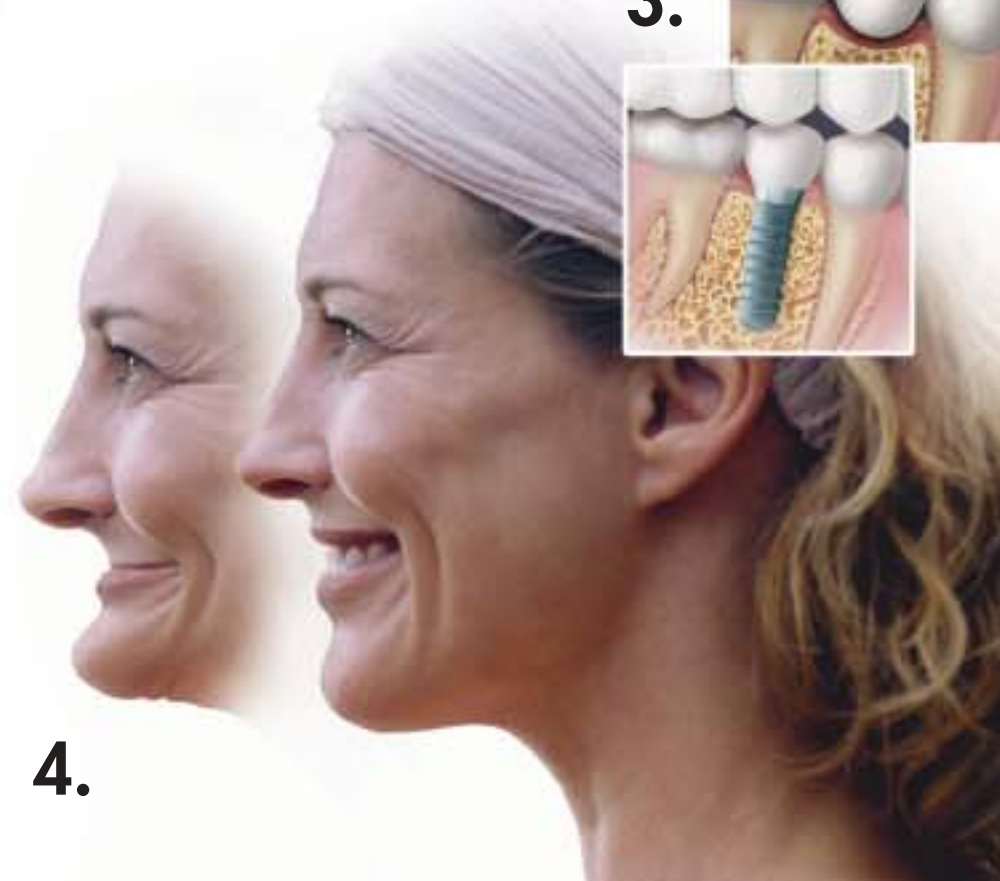
There are no longer any forces pushing on the bone, so it begins to deteriorate. This is much like with the lack of exercise, you lose strength and bulk in your muscles.

The loss of bone will continue and may eventually change your smile. Teeth on both sides can begin to move inward causing additional gaps and an unsightly appearance.

3. The traditional option for replacing a missing tooth is a cement-retained bridge. While a bridge will successfully replace the crown of the missing tooth, it does not replace the root of the tooth. The consequence of not replacing the root is that bone loss can occur, leaving a dark and unappealing space at the gumline.

A dental implant is the only option for replacing a missing tooth that replaces both the crown and root. The implant acts like a natural tooth root to transfer forces and help keep the bone healthy.

4. Evidence of bone loss due to missing teeth is obvious in people who have lost all of their teeth. The collapse of facial contours that results from bone loss can severely affect your appearance.



4.

### Bridge vs. crown sequence

Implants offer many benefits over a traditional bridge. In addition to helping to preserve bone by replacing the root, dental implants also offer a more conservative treatment option for replacing missing teeth compared to a traditional bridge.

**Implants offer benefits over traditional bridges. With implants, there's no need to grind down healthy adjacent teeth. The implant acts as a root to help prevent bone deterioration and delivers long-lasting beautiful teeth.**



### Bridge sequence

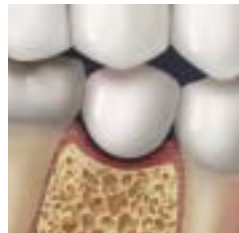
With traditional bridges, the teeth adjacent to the missing tooth are ground down in order to provide support for the bridge. This means that healthy teeth are compromised by the removal of tooth structure.



### Implant sequence

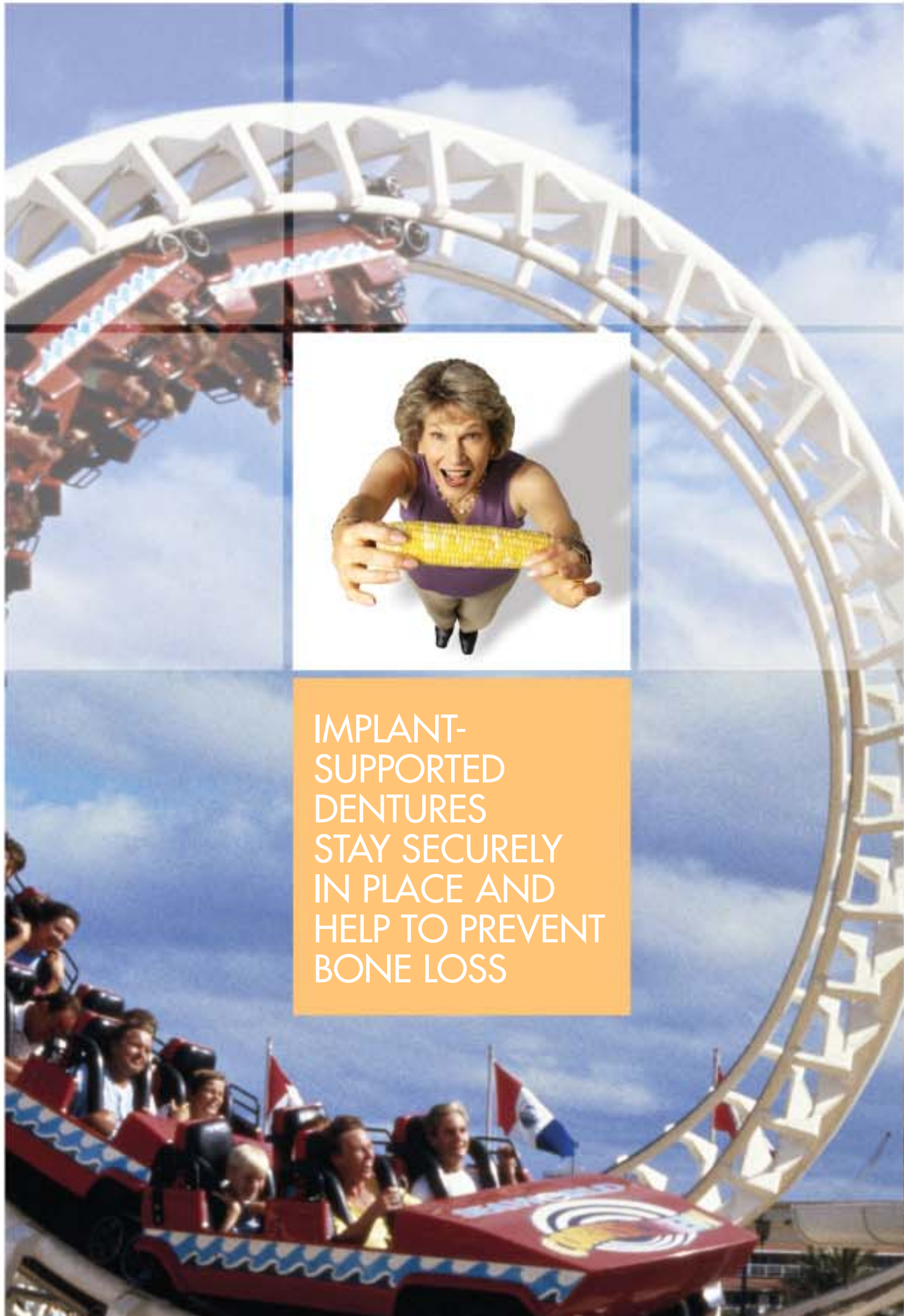
With a dental implant, there is no need to grind down the healthy adjacent teeth. The implant provides support for the crown.

**IMPLANTS DO NOT COMPROMISE TEETH AND HELP TO PREVENT BONE LOSS**



Traditional bridges will eventually lead to bone loss under the unsupported tooth. This can result in an unattractive dark space at the gum line.

Your dentist will discuss with you if implants are the right solution to meet your needs.



**IMPLANT-SUPPORTED DENTURES STAY SECURELY IN PLACE AND HELP TO PREVENT BONE LOSS**

**You'll find that with implant-supported dentures**

- Shifting, slipping, and chatter are eliminated
- There is no effect on speech as with regular dentures
- You can bite and chew naturally
- You can enjoy your favorite foods again
- You will have improved comfort, security, and confidence
- Your ability to taste may improve

**Choose from three attachment methods**

Proper brushing and flossing are required to maintain implant health and oral hygiene.



**Implant-retained dentures** are anchored securely onto two or more implants by attachments in the denture. The denture snaps securely onto the implants, but can be removed daily for proper cleaning.

**Implant bar supported dentures** feature clips that attach the denture to a bar connected to the implants. This design provides stability and support for the denture. The bar supported denture can be removed daily for proper cleaning.

**Fixed crown and bridge** supported by implants is the treatment option that is most like having natural teeth. Six or more implants are placed, and the teeth are securely fastened to the implants using cement or by precision screws. Fixed bridges are not removable.

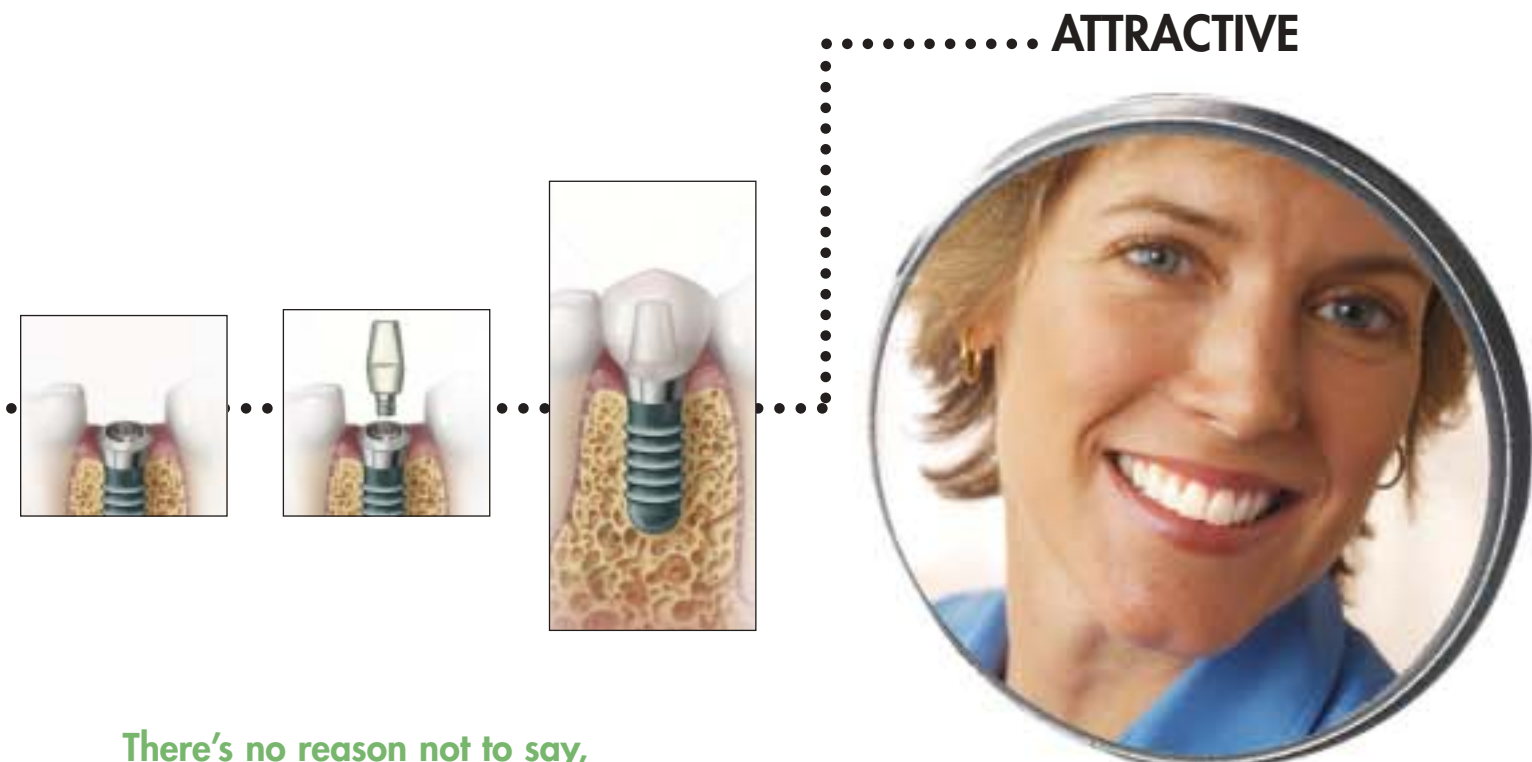




**SIMPLE,  
COMFORTABLE  
PROCEDURE**

**START**

1. Case **PLANNING**.
2. Implant **PLACEMENT**.
3. **HEALING** period – approximately six weeks.
4. Placement of the abutment on which the final crown will be placed.
5. **FINAL CROWN** – the beautiful new tooth is placed and you're done.



**..... ATTRACTIVE**

**There's no reason not to say, "Yes" to dental implants**

**Will I be able to eat normally during the healing process?**

Yes. In most situations, you may eat what you like. You may be asked to avoid chewing in the area where the implants are placed for a short period after surgery, but once that time has passed, you can chew your food as usual.

**Can I get a temporary tooth to fill the gap during healing?**

Yes. In most instances, you can be provided with a temporary tooth to fill the area of the missing crown while the implant is healing. Your dentist will recommend the option for a temporary that is best suited for your situation.

**Is dental implantation a common surgical procedure?**

Yes. This procedure has been performed for decades on millions of patients. Implant specialists have extensive experience, and the Straumann implant is the result of more than 30 years of research and documented clinical success.

**Is the procedure relatively pain-free?**

Yes. Many patients report that having a tooth extracted is much more traumatic than having an implant placed. The procedure is usually performed in the dental office under local anesthesia.



HOW MUCH IS IT WORTH TO YOU TO...



The value of implants far outweighs the cost. We can make the treatment very AFFORDABLE.

EAT WHATEVER YOU LIKE?



SPEAK CONFIDENTLY?



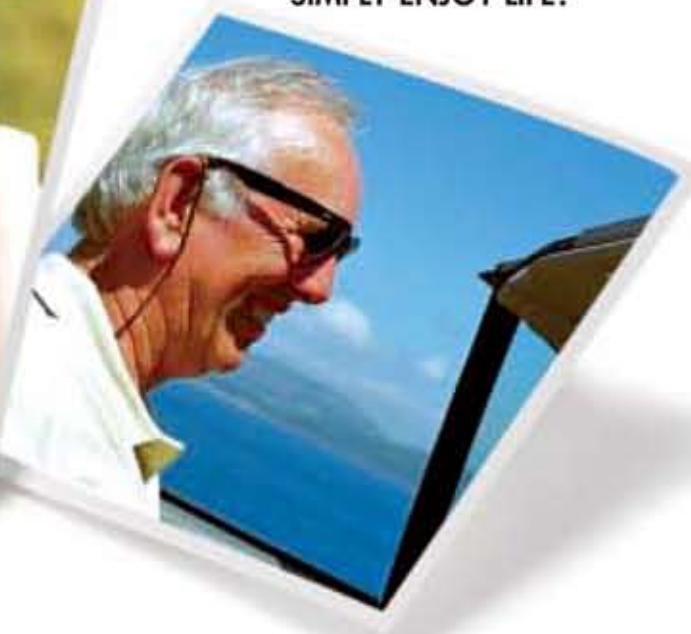
HELP TO MINIMIZE BONE LOSS?



LOOK ATTRACTIVE?



SIMPLY ENJOY LIFE?



**Are dental implants covered by insurance?**  
Although policies vary, insurance companies usually pay for at least some of the restorative portion of the procedure.

**Are there financing options for expenses not covered by insurance?**  
Yes. Financing can be arranged for all or part of the treatment cost. The interest rates are competitive and payments can be structured to fit your budget.

"I used to have a habit of putting my hand in front of my mouth when I smiled because I wanted to hide the clasps. I really have a lot of gratitude for the implants. They give me security. I can eat corn, steak, anything I want."

"I have really no recognition that there's an artificial tooth in my mouth. I can't tell when I eat or when I talk that I have an implant... and actually, nobody else can either. The ultimate result is you're going to have a tooth that is as good as your original tooth."

"I needed something that would be substantial, more permanent. With dentures, there was always a possibility that it would slip or move as you were speaking. There is no need for any adhesive at all. My quality of life is great."

"If I had known it was going to work out like this, I would have done it 20 years ago. I feel that I talk better. I feel that I eat better. It's been remarkable. It's changed my life."



"My patients love their implants and I believe it is the best care for them."







**“Yes!”**  
dental  
implants