



normal profile
(no tooth loss)



profile starts to change
(after tooth loss)



bone loss continues
(without intervention)

are you a candidate

Dental implants can be placed in most adults. Adolescents may be eligible once the facial structure has matured. Certain uncontrolled medical conditions may decrease implant treatment effectiveness, so first discuss your full medical history with your doctor. Patient results may vary. Only a trained clinician can determine the best treatment plan. Please ask your doctor to explain the benefits and risks to see if dental implants are right for you.

implants & insurance

The value of dental implants far exceeds conventional treatment options. Insurance policies vary but most cover a portion of the restorative procedure. Financing options are often available with competitive interest rates, and payments can be tailored to your budget.

Contact your dentist or dental specialist for more information about BioHorizons implants.



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dental implants for tooth replacement

if you have lost teeth
you are losing bone

tooth loss causes bone loss

Losing one or more of your teeth creates a gap in your smile, affects your ability to chew properly, and can alter your diet and nutrition.

While these are all serious issues, did you know that tooth loss also causes bone loss?

dental implant therapy

When a tooth is lost, the jawbone beneath it begins to shrink (or atrophy) and becomes brittle from lack of exercise. Not only does losing a tooth affect your smile, it also changes the shape of your face causing you to look prematurely aged.



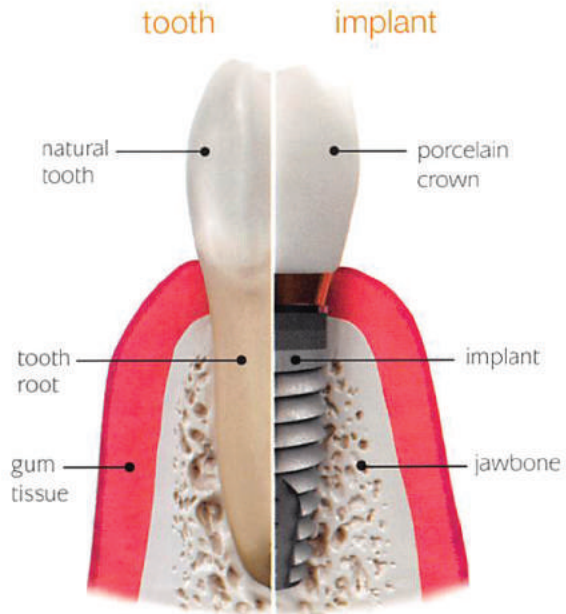
dental implants
stop bone loss

benefits of dental implants

- replaces missing teeth
- stops bone loss
- maintains your youthful appearance
- restores your natural smile

what are dental implants

Dental implants are the new standard of care for tooth replacement. They are secured into the bone to provide permanent support for crowns and dentures.



BioHorizons' implants are lightweight, strong, biocompatible and made from titanium, the most widely used material in implant dentistry.

Restore and maintain your natural smile with individual dental implants, implant-supported fixed bridges, or implant-supported dentures.

single tooth replacement



untreated missing teeth

- unattractive smile
- loss of chewing ability
- accelerated bone loss



traditional crown & bridge

- attractive smile
- grinds down healthy teeth
- bone loss under bridge
- greater risk for cavities and tooth failure



dental implants with a crown

- attractive smile
- full chewing ability
- preserve healthy teeth and jawbone
- stops bone loss

multiple tooth replacement



traditional dentures

- loss of chewing ability
- difficult to maintain a healthy diet
- becomes loose and unstable over time
- accelerated bone loss



implant supported dentures

- full chewing ability
- allows for a complete and healthy diet
- remains stable in your mouth
- stops bone loss

before



what to expect

treatment planning

Your dental professional will take x-rays and create a model of your existing teeth to determine implant position. Occasionally, a bone or gum tissue graft will be needed to create an adequate site for the implants.

implant placement

Dental implants are placed into the bone in a relatively pain-free procedure. The bone and gums will be given time to heal before an abutment and crown are attached. In most cases, you can receive a temporary crown the same day the implant is placed.

crown placement

Your final crown will be placed to restore your natural smile.

smile big,

eat what you want,

be a confident you.

after



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