

# YOUR NEW SMILE

SINGLE  
TOOTH  
IMPLANTS



## Dental Implant Patient Information

### What Is a Dental Implant?

Tooth loss occurs for many reasons, such as through accident or disease. Fortunately, restoring your smile is possible, though not all options are equal. Conventional solutions, like bridges or removable partial dentures, risk damaging the healthy adjacent teeth and are temporary fixes at best. The dental implant, however, integrates and bonds completely with the jawbone without damaging other teeth. Comparable to a tree that receives its stability from its roots, the implant becomes the perfect supporting element for your new dental crown. The dental implant also stimulates and preserves the bone that can recede when a tooth is missing from the jawbone. Furthermore, an implant also relieves the strain on the other teeth since it can easily be stressed like a natural tooth due to its firm anchoring.

### The Importance of Teeth to Our Quality of Life

A beaming smile helps to open doors while exuding a friendly radiance, vitality and confidence. But healthy teeth are vital to more than just our appearance. They are also an important element to our nutrition by making it possible to eat a variety of foods that keep us healthy. Scientific research has shown that healthy teeth have a significant influence on our overall well-being.

Tooth loss can be the result of many factors, such as accident or disease. Despite the cause, the loss of a tooth can make it difficult to enjoy a carefree life while eating, socializing or working.

However, tooth loss is no longer an irreversible matter. For over 30 years, dental implants have offered the opportunity of replacing missing teeth. Dental implantology is based on a solid scientific foundation and has been successfully used in dentistry for decades.

### Single Tooth Dental Implant Procedure

- The process begins with your doctor determining the best size and placement of the dental implant.
- Next, the dental implant is placed in the site of the missing tooth. The implant will then be given time to heal and integrate into the bone. A temporary restoration may be placed on top for the patient's comfort.
- Lastly, the final crown is permanently secured to the implant by your dentist.
- The new tooth will look natural and be just as strong as the real thing! The same thorough oral hygiene is required of this tooth as your natural teeth, including regular visits to your dentist.

