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Patient information Implants



What is a dental implant?

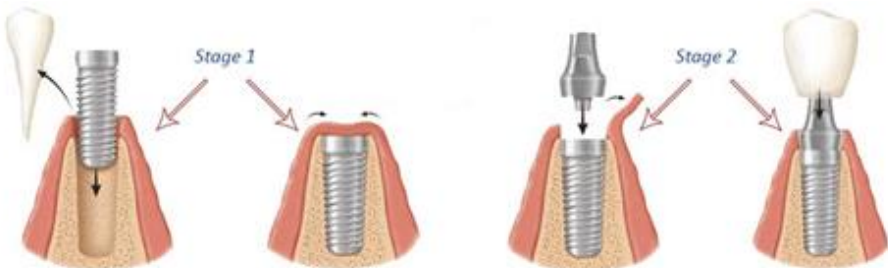
Implants are one way of replacing missing teeth. Unlike other forms of replacement teeth, dental implants are small metal devices like a screw fitting which are inserted into the jaw during surgery. Teeth, in the form of a crown, bridge or denture, are then attached to the implant.

What does implant treatment involve?

The dentist will expose the bone in the jaw where the tooth is missing. Then he will drill a hole and insert a metal post into the bone. This is done under a local anaesthetic, but sometimes sedation can also be used. The gum is then stitched over the post and it's left to heal for several months, while the bone grows around the post, making it secure.

After this period, there will be second operation, in which replacement teeth are mounted onto the metal post. This requires a small cut in the gum above the implant. The replacement teeth might be single or in a group, and possibly as a 'bridge', attached to neighbouring natural teeth.

Usually the permanent false teeth are fitted 3 to 4 months after the implants are put in.



*Preparation & Drilling
for putting implant*

*Placing implant &
stitching gum tissue*

*Overlying gum &
attach an abutment*

*Placing the
prosthetic tooth*