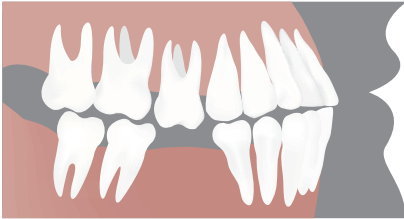


1. NO TREATMENT



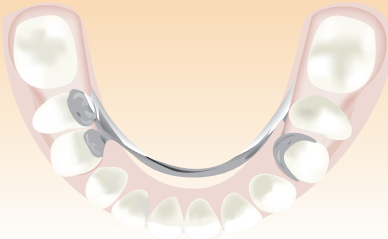
ADVANTAGES

- No time or money invested

DISADVANTAGES

- Loss of bone
- Bite Collapse
- Loss of Esthetics
- Loss of Function

2. REMOVABLE PARTIAL DENTURE



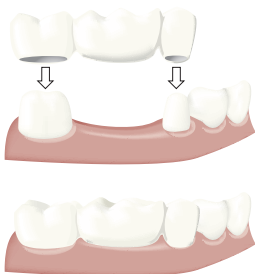
ADVANTAGES

- Quick
- Initially relatively inexpensive

DISADVANTAGES

- Low Patient Satisfaction
- Supported by Other Teeth
- Bite Collapse
- Poor Function
- High long-term time and financial expense
- Poor Esthetics
- Poor Stability
- Loss of bone

3. FIXED BRIDGEWORK (TRADITIONAL)



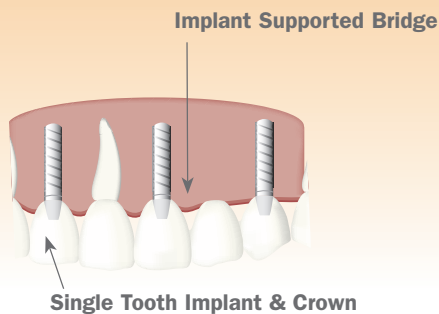
ADVANTAGES

- Quick
- Better function and stability than dentures

DISADVANTAGES

- Adjacent teeth must be filed down
- Bite collapse
- Oral hygiene is difficult
- High long-term financial expense
- Poor Esthetics
- Loss of bone

4. IMPLANT SUPPORTED CROWN OR BRIDGE

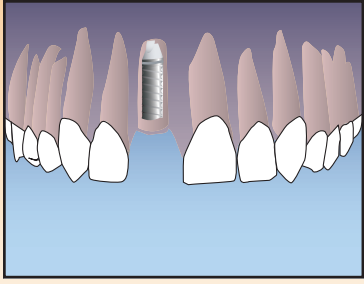


ADVANTAGES

- Closest replacement to your own teeth
- Low long-term time and financial expense
- Superior Esthetics
- Better overall health
- Functions like natural teeth
- Protects, not damages neighboring teeth
- Keeps bone healthy and intact
- Easier to clean than bridge

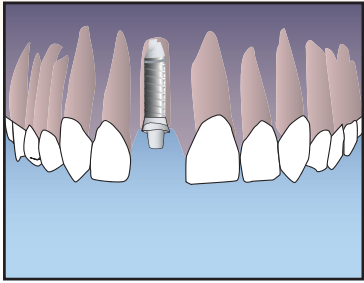
DISADVANTAGES

- Initial time and exposure



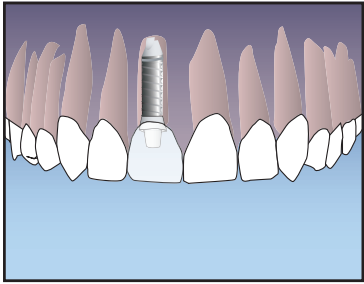
Implant Placement - Phase I

- Patient is made comfortable by using local or intravenous anesthesia.
- An incision is made into the gum tissue.
- Implant is carefully inserted into the area.
- The surgeon may close the incision with sutures if necessary.
- Depending on the patient's needs, the healing cap will be placed at the same time as the implant is inserted. Sometimes the surgeon waits for the area around the implant to heal before the implant is placed.



Abutment & Restoration - Phase II

- Healing cap is removed.
- Abutment is attached to the implant. (The final restoration will ultimately be attached to the abutment.)
- A temporary crown may be worn at this point.
- Impressions for replacement teeth are made by the restorative dentist.
- The restorative phase is performed by the dentist, who creates and places the final teeth (either fixed or removable).



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