

Options for tooth replacement

Important factors when considering tooth replacement

1. **Functionality and comfort** – to help you speak, eat and importantly smile comfortably and confidently.
2. **Maintaining a healthy bone structure** – Teeth transmit chewing forces to the jaw, maintaining bone health and keeping the jaw in shape. If one or more teeth are lost, these forces cease and the bone may slowly recede.
3. **Aesthetics** – you want your new smile to be as natural as possible and to support the shape of your face over time.
4. **Protection of remaining healthy teeth** – some solutions may interfere with healthy teeth.
5. **Value for money** – in addition to overall cost, consider that different solutions have different lifespans.

Discuss these factors with your dental professional when considering tooth replacement.

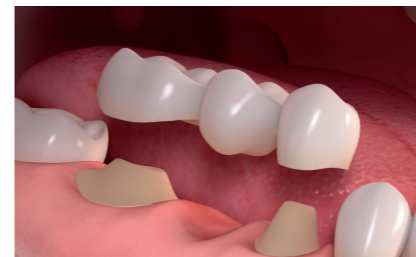


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DENTURES OR PARTIAL DENTURES

- Restore the functionality of your teeth by replacing missing teeth
- Removable for cleaning
- **Bone deterioration may occur** as dentures do not transmit chewing forces to the jaw bone – over time this can impact the 'fit' of the denture
- Partial dentures may have metal coloured clips that attach to healthy teeth and may be visible



BRIDGES

- Created by crowns either side of a gap, joined by false teeth
- Healthy teeth must be ground down for a conventional bridge – results in **loss of natural tooth surface**
- **Bone deterioration may occur** as the bridge does not transmit chewing forces to the jaw bone

DENTAL IMPLANTS

- An artificial tooth root that acts as a base for fixing crowns, bridges or an entire prosthesis
- The healthy neighbouring teeth remain intact
- Chewing forces occur in a natural way preventing bone resorption
- A long-term, cost effective investment

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