



Single Tooth Replacement Options

Replacing a Missing Tooth

Whether a tooth was lost to decay, gum disease, trauma, or extraction, replacing a missing tooth can help maintain your bite, appearance, and long-term oral health. Understanding the advantages and limitations of each option can help you make the decision that is right for you.

Some patients choose to monitor the space for a time. We are glad to keep an eye on it at your routine visits, along with any changes to the surrounding teeth. If and when you are ready to replace the tooth, here are the three options we most often recommend.



How They Compare

	Partial Denture	Ceramic Bridge	Dental Implant
How it stays in	Hooks onto surrounding teeth and gums	Cemented onto neighboring teeth	Anchored directly into the jaw like a tooth root
Surgery required	None	None	Implant placement
Look and feel	Natural-looking; may feel bulky at first	Natural-looking, fixed and stable	Closest to a natural tooth
Effect on nearby teeth	Supported by neighboring teeth	Requires reshaping adjacent teeth	Independent of neighboring teeth
Expected lifespan	Typically 5–10 years	Typically 15–20 years	Long-term solution
Relative investment	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$
Best for	Patients seeking a removable, lower-cost option	Patients wanting a non-removable option without surgery	Patients seeking the most natural result

Did You Know?

After a tooth is removed, the surrounding bone can begin changing almost immediately, and the greatest amount of bone loss tends to occur during the first year. Many times, a bone graft can be performed to preserve and stimulate regrowth of your natural bone. The good news is that replacing the tooth, especially with an implant, helps protect and retain that bone.



Timeline & Visits

Knowing what to expect makes the decision easier. Here is what each path typically looks like from start to finish:

Partial Denture

Approx. 6–8 Weeks

Visit 1 — Consultation & Scan

Visit 2 — Impressions/Records

Visit 3 — Try-In

Visit 4 — Delivery

Future adjustments as needed

Ceramic Bridge

Approx. 2–3 Weeks

Visit 1 — Consultation

Visit 2 — Tooth Preparation /
Temporization

Visit 3 — Delivery

Dental Implant

Approx. 4–6 Months

Visit 1 — Consultation & Scan

Visit 2 — Implant Placement
3–4 Months Healing

Visit 3 — Scan / Impressions

Visit 4 — Crown Delivery

Why Timing Matters



Shortly After Extraction

Neighboring teeth still in position



Six Months Later

Teeth begin to tip and drift into the space

When a space is left open, the neighboring teeth and the bone underneath gradually shift and reshape over time. Replacing a missing tooth sooner keeps your options simple. This often means a more straightforward treatment and a lower overall investment.

Which Option Is Right for You?

There is no one-size-fits-all answer. Bone levels, overall health, esthetic goals, maintenance, and budget all play a part. Whatever treatment you choose, our goal is to help you understand the benefits and tradeoffs so you can decide with confidence.

Concerned About Treatment or Cost?

We don't want cost to stand in the way of restoring your smile. We offer financing with low monthly payments, including **0% interest options for 12+ months**, in addition to accepting most PPO plans. Our team will gladly explain everything in clear terms to find a solution that fits your goals and budget.



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