

## **Implants**

Dental implants are an excellent solution for missing teeth. They serve as artificial roots, holding the replacement teeth securely in place. The result is a strong, stable restoration that can last for many years, often a lifetime, with minimal maintenance. Implants have the same oral hygiene requirements as natural teeth, and they look, feel, and function like real teeth.

The many benefits of dental implants include:

- One or several teeth can be replaced securely, without altering the remaining natural teeth
- Protect remaining teeth from shifting
- Restore your dazzling smile
- Enjoy full chewing functionality
- Slow or prevent bone resorption

In our practice, we make the implant process simple for patients. We understand that many people are nervous about the procedure, and we make every effort to ensure it is a pain-free and stress-free experience. Due to the gentle and precise nature of the procedure, sedation is rarely required.

Many patients do not even need incisions; the implants can often be inserted directly through the gum tissue. In these cases, the patients leave our office with just a small, fast-healing punch hole, and the procedure is very atraumatic with minimal discomfort. This provides a very easy solution for patients, and it is becoming more common. For individuals who need complex oral surgeries, as well as those who are anxious, we offer IV sedation. Even high anxiety patients remain calm and relaxed with the benefit of sedation. Often, they have little to no recollection of the procedure when it is complete.

All dental restorations in our office, including dental implant treatments, are performed with cosmetics in mind. We take great care in the design and placement processes to ensure that your new teeth look like natural teeth. If we are replacing a tooth in a cosmetically sensitive area, our on-staff periodontist will place the implants. Periodontists are like plastic surgeons of the mouth, and have the skills to deliver optimal results.

If you are missing one, several, or all of your teeth, let us help you choose the best solution for you. Call WholeLife Dentistry at 954-382-0110 and schedule an appointment.