

Norfolk Dental Specialists

Specialists in Periodontics

Practice dedicated to Periodontics & Implant Dentistry

Implant Dentistry

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*Caring for your teeth,
restoring your smile*

Dental Implants

The natural tooth replacement solution

A dental implant is a small screw that acts as an artificial tooth root when placed in the jaw bone.

The implant can be used to anchor different types of restorations, such as crowns, bridges or dentures.

The benefits of dental implants are

- The ability to chew and enjoy your food in a similar way to that achieved prior to tooth loss.
- No dentures to remove.
- Confidence that the fixed bridge or tooth replacement feels as secure as a natural tooth.
- The protection of your remaining teeth and jaw bone.



Uses

By acting as a tooth root, a dental implant provides a stable foundation for replacement teeth.

This allows improved function, speech and aesthetics.



An implant can be used to:

- **Replace a single tooth**

Dental implants are an ideal solution for replacing a single missing tooth and eliminating the need to grind down healthy adjacent teeth.

- **Replace several teeth**

Implants can be used to replace and support individual crowns or bridges. Support from adjacent healthy teeth is not necessary, because implants act as replacement tooth roots.

- **Or Replace all teeth**

In addition to looking and functioning like natural teeth, implant supported dentures and full bridges are designed to be a stable and effective long term solution. Implants eliminate the need for adhesives to keep dentures in place.

*To see photos and testimonials of patients treated
at our practice, visit our website:*

www.norfolkdentalspecialists.co.uk

Step-by-Step Procedure

The implant process normally involves several steps that take place over a period of time from 3 to 9 months. Although there are various implant treatment methods, a typical process often includes:

■ Step 1 Assessment and planning

The periodontist will assess the feasibility of providing implant treatment. X-rays may be taken and preliminary models may be prepared. A written plan is usually then formulated detailing the sequence of treatment and associated cost.

■ Step 2 Implant placement

A relatively simple minor surgical procedure is performed under sterile conditions in the dental surgery under local anaesthesia and, if indicated, supplemented by conscious sedation.

■ Step 3 Integration period

Although some implants can be loaded into function immediately, or soon after surgery, it is often suggested that a period of three months or more be allowed for the implant to fully integrate before loading.

■ Step 4 The restorative phase

Once integrated, the implants may need to be uncovered and can be brought into function with a variety of restorations, ranging from a single crown, small or large bridge, or if preferred, a removable overdenture clipped to the implants.

■ Step 5 Maintenance

Following the completion of implant treatment, patients need to clean thoroughly around the implants, as instructed by the periodontist. They should attend their dentist for regular review so that the health of the soft tissue, bone levels and the integrity of the restoration can be checked.



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We are a specialist practice dedicated to the treatment of gum disease, and placement of dental implants. All our dentists are registered specialists, or have suitable postgraduate qualifications.

Close communication ensures that we work together with referring dentists to deliver the highest standards of specialist dental care.

We look forward to welcoming you to our practice, and hope that you have a pleasant visit. If at any time you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Fees

At Norfolk Dental Specialists we ensure that you understand the cost of your treatment and are happy with the outcome. All our treatment fees are discussed and explained clearly during your visit. A treatment plan letter will be provided following your initial consultation. Every patient is different; hence every patient's fee will reflect their individual needs.

Payments are made over the course of the treatment, normally after each visit. This policy reduces our administration charges and helps to keep fees down.

We accept cash, cheques and most major credit and debit cards.



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