

# Full Arch Implants

## Advantages

- The teeth are held in securely so you can eat, smile, laugh and talk with confidence
- There is no or minimal extension as with a denture, so this means no plastic on the roof of the mouth for the upper or extra thickness beside the tongue on the lower
- There are multiple options based on your bone, cosmetic needs and cost
- They are constructed so they are easily cleaned and easily maintained
- You can often have improved speech and taste perception
- The teeth can look very natural as if they were your own
- Food doesn't catch under the bridge as with a denture

The use of Implants to replace a full set of missing teeth can be a great alternative to dentures. Patients can have trouble with dentures when they eat, smile, laugh or talk.

Implants can be used to either help lock a set of teeth in to the jaw, or the teeth can be permanently screwed in place. This allows for much better chewing capacity as the teeth don't move, and talking and laughing does not run the risk of the teeth falling down, or worse still, coming out.

Replacing a full set of missing teeth generally requires 4-6 implants. A final design can be done prior to starting the implant surgery and you can see the effect of the final result.

The number of implants is determined by using a scan of the jaw and assessing the type and number of teeth required.

The scan will help in determining the position of the implants and the presence of bone volume and quality to determine suitability.

After all the planning is completed surgery can be done either in the dental surgery or in hospital if you don't wish to be awake.

The final teeth can then be constructed once the implants have healed.

The whole process can take 6 to 12 months depending on the complexity of the case, but this ensures a good result which works well and lasts a long time.

Once the teeth are finished patients can return to eating all the foods they like and not be worried about dentures falling out or moving around.



The information in this brochure is of a general nature, and does not provide assurance of your suitability to have implant treatment. The best course of action is to have a consult with your dentist, prosthetist or Peter Jorgensen to assist in determining if implants are right for you.



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Can I still have implants if my teeth have been missing for a while?

You don't have to have implants done as soon as the teeth are removed. It can be done months or even years later. However, the longer the time, the greater the bone loss, as most people with long standing dentures would know. This can lead to an inadequate bone height and or width, or poor bone quality. Often bone grafting can be considered to help with replacing the missing jaw bone. However, this is not universal and the scan is done first to assess your suitability and options.

### Do I have to go without teeth at any stage?

In nearly every case, some form of prosthesis can be used. Whether this be a modified version of your existing denture, a new temporary denture or a temporary bridge of implant teeth, we can generally make sure you are not walking around at any stage without any teeth at all.

### How long will the whole process take?

From initial consultation to the final teeth, can take between 6 and 12 months. This is case dependent and best discussed at the consultation. There is often long periods of waiting between steps to ensure we get the best result possible.

### How much does it cost?

Every case is individually assessed and treatment plans can be explained and discussed at the first appointments. If there are multiple ways to achieve the final result and differing costs, we spend the time to explain these and let you decide. As a general rule these sort of cases cost upwards of \$18,000. However, this does not all happen at the start and the costs are spread over the 6-12 months of treatment. We will give you a plan and explain when the costs will be incurred.

### Is there any ongoing maintenance?

As with all dental treatment, regular checks are essential to ensure good oral health. It is expected over a lifetime the teeth on a full arch bridge will wear out and need replacing. However, the largest component of the cost (ie the implants and framework) should remain intact. Ultimately, regular checks are the best way to ensure any maintenance issues are kept to a minimum.

## Different Bridge Styles

### All-on-Four™

All on Four is a great option for patients who are missing bone volume at the back of the mouth. It allows us to use 4 implants in an angled configuration to still give a good looking and functional set of teeth.



### Precision Milled Bar

A Precision Bar allow for patients with poor gum shape or cleaning difficulties. The implants hold a bar in place and the teeth can be clipped on and off the bar for cleaning by the patient. They are still very strong and look good, while giving the patient a bit more flexibility. The clipped on teeth are also much less bulky than a denture.

