

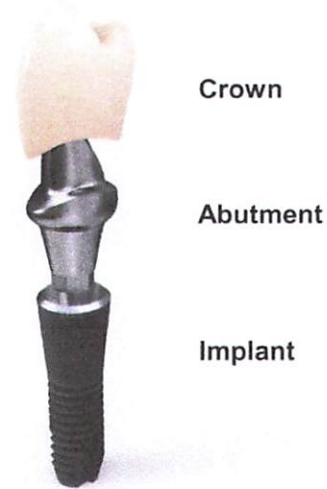


PERIODONTICS & IMPLANT DENTISTRY

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## What is a dental implant?

- Tiny screw made of titanium, a metal well accepted by the body
- Placed in the jawbone to serve as a replacement root and provides a stable foundation for the new tooth
- Restorations such as crowns, bridges or dentures can be permanently attached



### Extraction and bone grafting before the Implant Surgery

Factors such as the tooth location, infection present, and the condition of the tooth determine if the implant can be placed at the same time as extracting it. Most of the time this is a multiple step process. The tooth will be extracted, and bone will be packed into the socket where the root(s) used to be. Then a healing time of about 3-5 months is needed. Once appropriate healing time is reached, an office visit with X-rays and a CT scan will be needed prior to placing the implant.

### Implant Surgery

X-rays and a CT scan are taken before your implant surgery. A surgery consultation specifically regarding your case is discussed between Dr. Abdoney and an American Board Certified Maxillofacial radiologist prior to your surgery for the best treatment plan possible. The CT scan provides information needed such as distances to the sinuses, nerves in the jaw, and if bone grafting may be needed at time of implant placement. A sinus lift may be needed for any upper implants. This will be discussed with you and proper medication will be called in. Once the implant is placed, there is a healing time of about 3-5 months.

Once Dr. Abdoney confirms the implant's stability, we then will send you back to your general dentist so they can move forward with the final crown process. ***Your general dentist does the abutment and final crown for your implant.*** We would like you to return to our office after they have placed your permanent crown for final X-rays and photos and then maintain a 1 year follow-up.