

## **Single Implants**

Have you lost one or more teeth and wish to replace them with a realistic alternative? Are you unable to use dentures? If so, single dental implants may be the ideal solution for you. The procedure involves placing an artificial tooth on an extension of a metal, screw like dental implant, which replaces the roots of your missing teeth.

### **Treatment Preparation:**

First, our experienced and professional dental team will begin with a thorough examination to determine your suitability for the procedure. We will then take x-rays and make models of your teeth and mouth. We'll then create a detailed treatment plan, which will ensure that we take steps to deliver the most exceptional care that is tailored to your particular requirements.

Our treatment plan will determine factors such as how many teeth you'll need replacing and the condition of your jawbone. At this stage, you may have consultations with a variety of dental specialists, such as oral and maxillofacial surgeons, and periodontists, to ensure we deliver only the most suitable care.

We will then discuss your physical wellbeing and any medication you may be taking. This is because certain heart conditions and orthopaedic implants will require you to take antibiotics to prevent infection from occurring. For complete ease of mind, there is a range of anaesthesia options to choose from such as local anaesthesia, sedation or general anaesthesia.

### **Treatment Process:**

The procedure will begin with our dentist removing the damaged tooth. We'll then prepare your jawbone for surgery, which may involve bone grafting if it isn't thick enough or too soft. A metal post dental implant is then placed into your jawbone. After it has fully healed, which usually takes several months, our dentists will put an abutment extension onto the metal post. This must heal for up to two weeks before the crown can be attached, which will then give you the appearance of real and natural teeth.

### **The Benefits:**

As this procedure relies on the time it takes the jawbone to heal tightly around the implant, this option is better suited to patients who are willing to commit several months to the process. However, single dental implants are advantageous for a variety of reasons.

Comprised of titanium, single dental implants fuse with your jawbone, which therefore means they won't slip, make noise or cause damage to the bone.

Another benefit of this procedure is that, unlike regular bridgework, the materials will not decay.