

Three TRUTHS About Dental Implants

- 1 Fixing or reversing years of neglect and wear on your teeth will never be cheap. Replacing broken or missing teeth is **SERIOUS** dental care for people who are truly concerned about their health, their ability to chew the foods they want, and their appearance.
- 2 There are plenty of people who walk around with broken, even painful teeth. Some of them wear dentures and have adapted just fine. These people will be better off saving money and avoiding implants because dental health is not important to them.
- 3 The **REAL** truth about what dental implants cost is that you're **NOT** paying for the metal in the implants, or the porcelain in the final teeth. What you are really paying for is the doctor's **TIME** and experience. With 20 years of experience placing dental implants, Dr. Jason Annan knows what options will work and which will not. If there is a less expensive route, that will deliver the similar chewing function and visual beauty, Dr. Annan has the knowledge to advise you of your options.



"Doc, I'm 70 years old! Why even bother fixing my teeth now?"

We hear comments like this from patients all the time. And it's at this point that most patients expect the sales pitch. They brace themselves to be lectured by the dentist about all the horrible things that will happen if they don't fix their teeth. But... that's not how we do things here. We promise: No judgment and no lectures! What we have found is that for most people, as they age they realize that their two most precious resources are time and relationships. And if you enjoy socializing, travelling, and sharing meals and memories with your family and loved ones.... well.. a healthy, confident, pain-free smile makes this more enjoyable.



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**A Dental Implant
Price Guide**

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How Much Does An Implant Really Cost?

If you have a handful of teeth to fix in your mouth, or have minor problems here and there, you can probably expect to spend a few thousand dollars getting things healthy and back on track. If you have major problems all over your mouth, or if you need to replace a full set of teeth, it can cost up to even \$50,000 in extremely difficult cases. But in most situations, you can get an excellent solution in the \$10,000 to \$30,000 range that will have you eating and smiling with confidence again. Some of our patients have access to funds or savings and take care of their payment all at once. Other patients take advantage of our zero interest monthly payment plans. To see a more detailed comparison of dental implant options and costs, keep reading the next few pages.

Options and Price Guide for Replacing ONE or TWO Missing Teeth

Do Nothing

Not all missing teeth need to be replaced. If you are not worried about your chewing or appearance, then you might choose to leave the missing tooth alone. Teeth around the area will move and shift, and remember that if you do change your mind later, it may be more difficult and more expensive to fix than today.

Chewing Comfort: 0/10

Option 1

Dental Implant With Bone Reconstruction



Implants are the strongest and longest lasting way to replace missing teeth...as long as you have enough bone. If you don't have enough bone, you may need to re-grow it first, which means trips to the specialist for extra bone grafting. In the end, you will probably spend \$5000 to \$7000 per tooth, and 12+ months.

You can save considerable time and money by placing bone graft at the time that your tooth is removed. This will preserve the jaw bone for an implant for about a year. A bone graft at the time of tooth removal will cost about \$800.

Chewing Comfort: 10/10

Option 2

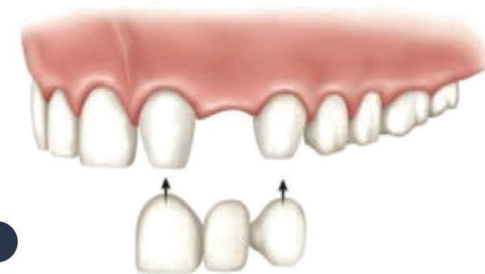
Regular Dental Implant

If your bone is in good condition already, and reconstruction is not needed, then the cost for an implant is around \$4,200. It can all be done in our office so you don't need to bounce around.

Chewing Comfort: 10/10

Option 3

Bridge

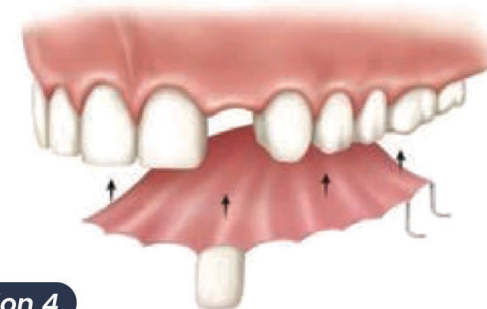


A bridge is a little less expensive than an implant (around \$4,000). The downside of a bridge is increased risk of cold sensitivity or even root canal problems. Bridges can also be difficult to clean and higher maintenance in the long run, and they don't last as long as implants.

Chewing Comfort: 8/10

Option 4

Removable Partial Denture



This is the cheapest and fastest, but least comfortable option. It will cost \$1000 to \$2,500 and take a couple of weeks. The problem is that they are removable, which means that they are not nearly as stable as the options above. You can't expect to eat or chew or grind your food very well, and you CAN expect to get food stuck around them, and to have metal hooks that might show in your smile.

Chewing Comfort: 0/10

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