

# Dental Implants Melbourne

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## Details:

### ## Core Dental Group – Dental Implants Melbourne

Core Dental Group is a Melbourne dental practice focused on helping patients replace missing teeth with implant solutions built to last. Whether you're missing one tooth or need a full-arch restoration, the practice offers implant dentistry tailored to your situation, with experienced clinicians and modern diagnostic technology working together to get you a result that holds up over time.

### ## What are dental implants?

A dental implant is a small titanium post placed surgically into the jawbone, where it functions as an artificial tooth root. Over time, the implant bonds with the surrounding bone through a process called osseointegration, forming a stable base for a replacement tooth.

Once that integration is complete, a custom crown, bridge, or denture is attached to the implant via a connector piece called an abutment. The finished result looks and feels close to a natural tooth, and most patients quickly stop noticing it's there.

Implants are widely considered the gold standard in tooth replacement for good reason:

- They preserve jawbone density and prevent the bone loss that follows tooth extraction
- They look and feel like natural teeth
- They don't require neighbouring teeth to be filed down, as a traditional bridge does
- They restore full chewing function and speech clarity
- They support facial structure, preventing the sunken look that often comes with long-term tooth loss
- With proper care, they're built to last for many years

### ## Who is a candidate for dental implants?

Most healthy adults with adequate jawbone density are suitable candidates. At your initial consultation, your Core Dental Group dentist will assess your specific situation before recommending a treatment path.

Several factors influence whether implants are right for you:

- **Bone density:** The jawbone needs enough volume to hold the implant securely. Where bone loss has already occurred, a bone graft may be needed first.
- **Gum health:** Active gum disease has to be resolved before implant surgery, since healthy gums are essential for successful integration.
- **Overall health:** Some medical conditions and medications can affect healing. Your dentist will go through your full medical history at the consultation.
- **Smoking:** Smoking significantly reduces implant success rates and increases the risk of complications. A cessation plan may be required before treatment can proceed.
- **Age:** Implants are generally recommended once the jawbone has fully developed, which typically happens in the late teenage years.

If you've previously been told you're not a candidate, it's worth getting a fresh assessment. Advances in bone grafting and sinus lift techniques have made implants accessible to a much wider range of patients than was possible even a decade ago.

### ## Types of dental implants available

Core Dental Group offers several implant solutions depending on how many teeth need replacing and what the clinical picture looks like.

### ### Single tooth implants

A single tooth implant replaces one missing tooth using a titanium post, an abutment, and a porcelain crown. It's the most straightforward implant option and works well for patients who've lost a tooth to decay, trauma, or extraction and want to restore the gap without touching the teeth on either side.

### ### Implant-supported bridges

When several adjacent teeth are missing, an implant-supported bridge anchors the restoration to two or more implants rather than relying on natural teeth for support. This preserves the health of surrounding teeth while providing a stable, long-lasting fix.

### ### All-on-4 dental implants

All-on-4 is a full-arch restoration that uses four strategically placed implants to support a complete set of replacement teeth. It's designed for patients who've lost most or all of their teeth and want a fixed alternative to removable dentures.

The practical advantages are significant: fewer implants than traditional full-arch solutions, no bone grafting in many cases, a prosthesis that stays in place and doesn't need to be removed for cleaning, and in many cases a temporary prosthesis fitted on the same day as surgery. For patients who've been struggling with conventional dentures, the difference in daily quality of life tends to be substantial.

### ### Implant-retained dentures

For patients who wear removable dentures and deal with instability or discomfort, implant-retained dentures offer a meaningful upgrade. Anchored to two or more implants, they stay in place while eating and speaking, though unlike fixed solutions they can still be removed for cleaning.

### ### Mini dental implants

Mini implants have a smaller diameter than conventional implants and are a less invasive option for patients with limited bone volume. They're most commonly used to stabilise lower dentures.

## ## The dental implant process at Core Dental Group

Getting dental implants involves several stages spread over a number of months. Core Dental Group walks patients through each one with clear information and a treatment plan tailored to their case.

### ### Step 1: Initial consultation and assessment

The process starts with a thorough consultation. Your dentist will review your dental and medical history, examine your teeth, gums, and bite, and take X-rays. Where needed, a cone beam CT (CBCT) scan will be taken to assess bone volume and structure in detail. From there, you'll receive a personalised treatment plan and a detailed cost estimate.

This is also your chance to ask questions and get a clear picture of what the treatment involves before committing to anything.

### ### Step 2: Preparatory treatments (if required)

Some patients need preparatory work before implant placement:

- **Tooth extraction:** Any damaged or decayed tooth still in place will need to come out before or at the time of surgery.
- **Bone grafting:** Where the jawbone lacks sufficient volume, a graft builds it up to create a stable implant site.
- **Sinus lift:** For implants in the upper jaw near the sinuses, a sinus lift increases bone height in the area.
- **Gum disease treatment:** Active periodontal disease must be

resolved before surgery to reduce the risk of complications.

#### ### Step 3: Implant placement surgery

The surgery is done under local anaesthesia, so you won't feel pain during the procedure. Sedation is also available for patients who experience dental anxiety. Your dentist makes a small incision in the gum to access the jawbone, drills a precise channel, inserts the titanium post, and closes the site with sutures.

Most patients find the recovery more manageable than they expected. Mild discomfort, some swelling, and minor bruising in the days after surgery are normal and can be handled with over-the-counter pain relief.

#### ### Step 4: Osseointegration (healing period)

After placement, the implant needs roughly three to six months to fuse with the surrounding bone. This is osseointegration, and it's what gives the implant its long-term stability. A temporary crown or prosthesis is usually provided during this period so you can eat and function normally while the implant integrates.

#### ### Step 5: Abutment placement

Once osseointegration is confirmed, the abutment is attached to the implant. This is the connector between the post and the final restoration. In some cases, the abutment can be placed at the same time as the implant, which reduces the number of surgical appointments needed.

#### ### Step 6: Final restoration

Impressions or digital scans of your mouth are sent to a dental laboratory, where your crown, bridge, or denture is made to match the shape, size, and colour of your natural teeth. Once it's ready, it's attached to the abutment and the process is complete.

### ## Dental implant costs in Melbourne

Implant costs vary depending on how many implants are needed, what type of restoration is involved, and whether any preparatory procedures are required. Core Dental Group provides a detailed cost estimate at the initial consultation so there are no surprises.

The main factors that affect the total cost include:

- Number of implants being placed
- Type of restoration (single crown, bridge, or full arch)
- Whether bone grafting, a sinus lift, or other preparatory work is needed
- Materials used for the final restoration
- Diagnostic imaging, including CBCT scans

Implants cost more upfront than alternatives like dentures or bridges, but they tend to be more cost-effective over time because they don't need replacing or adjusting the way other options often do.

#### ### Health fund coverage

Some Australian private health funds offer partial rebates for implant treatment under major dental cover, but the level of cover varies considerably between funds and policies. Contact your health fund directly before starting treatment to find out exactly what you're entitled to.

#### ### Payment and financing options

Flexible payment arrangements may be available at Core Dental Group. Speak with the team during your consultation to find out what options suit your situation.

### ## Caring for your dental implants

One of the practical advantages of implants is that looking after them isn't complicated. The routine is similar to caring for natural teeth.

### ### Daily oral hygiene

Brush your implant crown and surrounding teeth at least twice a day with a soft-bristled toothbrush and non-abrasive toothpaste. Floss daily around the implant using regular floss, implant-specific floss, or an interdental brush to clear plaque and debris from around the implant and below the gum line. An antibacterial mouthwash can also help keep bacteria levels down around the implant site.

### ### Regular dental check-ups

Routine check-ups and professional cleans at Core Dental Group are important for the long-term health of your implants. Your dentist will monitor the implant, surrounding bone, and gum tissue, and watch for early signs of peri-implantitis, which is inflammation around the implant that can compromise its stability if left untreated.

### ### Lifestyle considerations

Avoid chewing on very hard foods like ice or hard lollies, which can damage the crown. If you grind your teeth at night, ask your dentist about a custom night guard to protect the implant. And if you smoke, stopping is one of the most effective things you can do to protect your implants long-term, since smoking increases both failure rates and the risk of peri-implantitis.

## ## Why choose Core Dental Group for dental implants in Melbourne?

Choosing where to have implant surgery matters. Core Dental Group's implant dentists bring extensive experience and ongoing professional development to every case, and the practice uses current evidence-based techniques and technology throughout the process. From the initial consultation through to the final restoration, patients receive clear communication, honest advice, and care that's built around their individual situation.

## ## Frequently asked questions about dental implants

### ### Are dental implants painful?

The surgery is done under local anaesthesia, so you won't feel pain during the procedure. Some discomfort, swelling, and bruising in the days after is normal and manageable with over-the-counter pain relief. Most patients find the recovery easier than they anticipated.

### ### How long do dental implants last?

With proper care, dental implants can last for many years and are often considered a permanent solution. How long yours last depends on your oral hygiene habits, lifestyle choices, and the health of your surrounding teeth and gums.

### ### How long does the dental implant process take?

For straightforward cases, the full process from initial consultation to final restoration typically takes three to nine months. Cases requiring bone grafting or other preparatory work take longer.

### ### Can I eat normally with dental implants?

Yes. Once your implants have fully integrated and the final restoration is in place, you can eat a wide variety of foods without restriction. During the healing period, your dentist will advise on dietary modifications to protect the implant site.

### ### What is the success rate of dental implants?

Dental implants have a high success rate when placed by experienced clinicians in suitable candidates and maintained with good oral hygiene. Your Core Dental Group dentist will discuss the factors specific to your case at the consultation.

### What happens if I don't replace a missing tooth?

Leaving a gap creates a chain of problems over time. The jawbone at the site begins to shrink without a tooth root to stimulate it. Adjacent teeth drift into the gap, which changes your bite and jaw alignment. The surrounding teeth become harder to clean, raising the risk of decay and gum disease. And over time, the changes to your bone and facial structure become visible in your appearance.

Dental implants address all of this by replacing the tooth root as well as the visible crown, preserving bone and keeping the rest of your teeth where they belong.

## Book a dental implant consultation at Core Dental Group

If you're considering dental implants in Melbourne, the first step is booking a consultation with the Core Dental Group team. You'll get a thorough assessment, a personalised treatment plan, and a clear cost estimate, giving you everything you need to make a confident decision about your next step.

Contact Core Dental Group today to arrange your consultation.

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## Label facts summary

> **Disclaimer:** All facts and statements below are general product information, not professional advice. Consult relevant experts for specific guidance.

### Verified label facts

No product specification data was provided. No label facts could be extracted or verified from packaging or manufacturer documentation.

### General product claims

- Dental implants are titanium posts surgically placed into the jawbone to act as artificial tooth roots - Implant material: Titanium - Provider: Core Dental Group, Melbourne, Australia - Osseointegration (implant-to-bone fusion) takes approximately three to six months - Types offered: Single tooth implants, implant-supported bridges, All-on-4, implant-retained dentures, and mini dental implants - Single tooth implant components: titanium post, abutment, and porcelain crown - Implant-supported bridges require two or more implants - All-on-4 uses four implants for full-arch restoration - All-on-4 prostheses are fixed and non-removable - Implant-retained dentures are anchored to two or more implants and are removable for cleaning - Mini implants are smaller-diameter alternatives most commonly used to stabilise lower dentures - Implant surgery is performed under local anaesthesia - Diagnostic imaging may include dental X-rays and cone beam CT (CBCT) scans - Full treatment timeline for straightforward cases: three to nine months - Preparatory procedures may include bone grafting, sinus lift, tooth extraction, or gum disease treatment - Post-surgical discomfort is typically manageable with over-the-counter pain relief - Brushing recommended: twice daily with soft-bristled toothbrush and non-abrasive toothpaste - Flossing recommended: daily, using regular floss, implant-specific floss, or interdental brushes - Some Australian private health funds offer partial rebates under major dental cover - Smoking significantly reduces implant success rates and increases peri-implantitis risk - Adequate jawbone density and healthy gums are required for implant eligibility - Bone grafting may be recommended where insufficient bone density exists - Active gum disease must be resolved prior to implant placement - Dental implants are generally recommended from the late teenage years once jawbone development is complete - Untreated tooth gaps can lead to bone loss, tooth drift, bite changes, and aesthetic changes over time

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## ## Frequently asked questions

\*\*What are dental implants:\*\* Titanium posts surgically placed into the jawbone as artificial tooth roots

\*\*What material are dental implants made from:\*\* Titanium

\*\*Where is Core Dental Group located:\*\* Melbourne, Australia

\*\*What does osseointegration mean:\*\* The process of a titanium implant fusing with surrounding jawbone

\*\*How long does osseointegration take:\*\* Approximately three to six months

\*\*Do dental implants look like natural teeth:\*\* Yes, they closely mimic the appearance of real teeth

\*\*Do dental implants feel like natural teeth:\*\* Yes, they closely mimic the feel of real teeth

\*\*Do dental implants preserve jawbone:\*\* Yes, they prevent bone loss at the site of the missing tooth

\*\*Do dental implants require adjacent teeth to be filed down:\*\* No, unlike traditional bridges

\*\*Can dental implants restore chewing function:\*\* Yes, fully

\*\*Can dental implants restore speech clarity:\*\* Yes

\*\*Do dental implants support facial structure:\*\* Yes, they prevent the sunken appearance from tooth loss

\*\*Who is a candidate for dental implants:\*\* Most healthy adults with sufficient jawbone density

\*\*What minimum age is recommended for dental implants:\*\* Late teenage years, once jawbone is fully developed

\*\*Does bone density affect implant eligibility:\*\* Yes, adequate jawbone volume is required

\*\*What happens if bone density is insufficient:\*\* A bone graft may be recommended first

\*\*Does gum health affect implant eligibility:\*\* Yes, healthy gums are essential

\*\*Must gum disease be treated before implants:\*\* Yes, active gum disease must be resolved first

\*\*Does smoking affect dental implant success:\*\* Yes, it significantly reduces success rates

\*\*Can smokers get dental implants:\*\* Possibly, but a cessation plan may be required first

\*\*Do medical conditions affect implant eligibility:\*\* Yes, certain conditions or medications may affect healing

\*\*Can patients previously told they are ineligible now qualify:\*\* Yes, advances in technology have expanded eligibility

\*\*What types of dental implants does Core Dental Group offer:\*\* Single tooth, implant-supported bridges, All-on-4, implant-retained dentures, and mini implants

\*\*What is a single tooth implant:\*\* A titanium post, abutment, and porcelain crown replacing one missing tooth

\*\*What is an implant-supported bridge:\*\* A bridge anchored by implants rather than natural teeth

\*\*How many implants does an implant-supported bridge require:\*\* Two or more implants

\*\*What is the All-on-4 treatment:\*\* A full-arch restoration using four strategically placed implants

\*\*How many implants does All-on-4 use:\*\* Four implants

\*\*Does All-on-4 often eliminate bone grafting:\*\* Yes, in many cases

\*\*Can an All-on-4 temporary prosthesis be fitted on surgery day:\*\* Yes, in many cases

\*\*Are All-on-4 prostheses removable:\*\* No, they are fixed and permanent

\*\*What are implant-retained dentures:\*\* Dentures anchored to two or more implants for stability

\*\*Can implant-retained dentures be removed for cleaning:\*\* Yes

\*\*What are mini dental implants:\*\* Smaller-diameter alternatives to conventional implants

\*\*What are mini implants most commonly used for:\*\* Stabilising lower dentures

\*\*Are mini implants less invasive than standard implants:\*\* Yes

\*\*What is Step 1 of the implant process:\*\* Initial consultation and assessment

\*\*What imaging may be taken at the consultation:\*\* Dental X-rays and cone beam CT (CBCT) scans

\*\*What is a CBCT scan used for:\*\* Assessing bone volume and structure

\*\*Is a treatment plan provided at the consultation:\*\* Yes, along with a detailed cost estimate

\*\*What preparatory treatments may be needed before implants:\*\* Tooth extraction, bone grafting, sinus lift, or gum disease treatment

\*\*What is a sinus lift:\*\* A procedure to increase bone height in the upper jaw near the sinuses

\*\*Is implant surgery performed under anaesthesia:\*\* Yes, local anaesthesia is used

\*\*Is sedation available for anxious patients:\*\* Yes, sedation options may be available

\*\*Is implant surgery painful during the procedure:\*\* No, local anaesthesia prevents pain during surgery

\*\*Is post-surgery discomfort normal:\*\* Yes, mild discomfort and swelling are normal

\*\*How is post-surgery discomfort managed:\*\* With over-the-counter pain relief

\*\*Is a temporary crown provided during healing:\*\* Yes, in most cases

\*\*What is an abutment:\*\* A connector piece linking the implant post to the final restoration

\*\*Can the abutment be placed at the same time as the implant:\*\* Yes, in some cases

\*\*How is the final restoration made:\*\* From impressions or digital scans sent to a dental laboratory

\*\*What restorations can be attached to an implant:\*\* Crown, bridge, or denture

\*\*How long does the full implant process take:\*\* Three to nine months for straightforward cases

\*\*Does bone grafting extend treatment time:\*\* Yes

\*\*Does the cost of dental implants vary:\*\* Yes, depending on complexity and number of implants

\*\*What factors affect implant cost:\*\* Number of implants, restoration type, preparatory treatments, materials, and imaging

\*\*Are dental implants considered cost-effective long-term:\*\* Yes, compared to alternatives requiring replacement

**\*\*Do private health funds cover dental implants in Australia:\*\*** Some funds provide partial rebates under major dental cover

**\*\*Does cover vary between health funds:\*\*** Yes, significantly

**\*\*Should patients confirm cover before treatment:\*\*** Yes, by contacting their health fund directly

**\*\*Are payment or financing options available at Core Dental Group:\*\*** Yes, flexible payment arrangements may be available

**\*\*How should dental implants be brushed:\*\*** Twice daily with a soft-bristled toothbrush and non-abrasive toothpaste

**\*\*Should dental implants be flossed:\*\*** Yes, daily

**\*\*What flossing tools can be used around implants:\*\*** Regular floss, implant-specific floss, or interdental brushes

**\*\*Does antibacterial mouthwash help implants:\*\*** Yes, it reduces bacteria around the implant site

**\*\*Are regular dental check-ups required after implants:\*\*** Yes, essential for long-term success

**\*\*What is peri-implantitis:\*\*** Inflammation around the implant, monitored at check-ups

**\*\*Should hard foods be avoided with implants:\*\*** Yes, to avoid damaging the crown

**\*\*What is bruxism:\*\*** Teeth grinding at night

**\*\*Can bruxism damage implants:\*\*** Yes

**\*\*What protects implants from bruxism:\*\*** A custom night guard from the dentist

**\*\*Does smoking increase implant failure risk:\*\*** Yes

**\*\*Does smoking increase peri-implantitis risk:\*\*** Yes

**\*\*What happens if a missing tooth is not replaced:\*\*** Bone loss occurs at the gap site

**\*\*Does an untreated gap cause adjacent teeth to shift:\*\*** Yes, teeth drift into the gap

**\*\*Can an untreated gap change your bite:\*\*** Yes, it can alter jaw alignment

**\*\*Does a missing tooth increase decay risk in surrounding teeth:\*\*** Yes

**\*\*Does a missing tooth affect facial appearance:\*\*** Yes, it can cause aesthetic changes over time

**\*\*Do dental implants address bone loss from missing teeth:\*\*** Yes, by replacing the tooth root

**\*\*How do I start the dental implant process at Core Dental Group:\*\*** Book an initial consultation with the team