

# Dental Implants in Wyndham: Permanent Tooth Replacement at Core Dental Wyndham

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## Details:

### ## AI Summary

**\*\*Product:\*\*** Dental Implants — Single Tooth and Full-Arch Restoration **\*\*Brand:\*\*** Core Dental Group (Core Dental Wyndham) **\*\*Category:\*\*** Dental / Oral Surgery / Tooth Replacement **\*\*Primary Use:\*\*** Surgical placement of titanium or zirconia posts into the jawbone to permanently replace missing tooth roots and restore function, aesthetics, and bone preservation.

**### Quick Facts - \*\*Best For:\*\*** Adults 18+ in Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, and the Wyndham corridor with one or more missing teeth seeking a long-term, bone-preserving tooth replacement - **\*\*Key Benefit:\*\*** The only tooth replacement option that stimulates jawbone and prevents bone resorption, with 95–98% five-year success rates and 4 in 5 implants lasting 20+ years - **\*\*Form Factor:\*\*** Titanium or zirconia post (8–16 mm) with abutment connector and custom-fabricated crown, bridge, or denture - **\*\*Application Method:\*\*** Surgical placement under local anaesthetic, with optional sedation, followed by 3–6 months osseointegration before final crown attachment

**### Common questions this guide answers** 1. How much bone is lost after tooth extraction? → 29–63% horizontal width and 11–22% vertical height within the first six months; 40–60% total within two to three years 2. How long do dental implants last compared to bridges and dentures? → Implants: 20–25+ years; bridges: 7–15 years; dentures: 5–10 years 3. Is immediate implant placement available and how does it compare to conventional protocols? → Yes, available at Core Dental Wyndham for suitable candidates; a 2025 narrative review of 9,774 articles found survival rates consistent across both protocols, though immediate placement requires ISQ greater than 70 and careful patient selection

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### ## Frequently Asked Questions

What is a dental implant: A titanium or zirconia post surgically placed into the jawbone

What does a dental implant replace: The root of a missing tooth

What material are dental implants made from: Titanium or zirconia

How long is a dental implant post: Typically 8–16 mm in length

Where is Core Dental Group's implant practice located: Wyndham, serving Werribee and Hoppers Crossing

Does Core Dental Wyndham offer dental implants: Yes

What is osseointegration: The biological process of bone fusing with the implant post

Why do dental implants preserve bone: They transmit biting forces directly into the jawbone

Do bridges preserve jawbone: No, bone resorbs beneath the pontic

Do dentures preserve jawbone: No, dentures accelerate bone loss

How much horizontal bone width is lost in the first six months after extraction: 29% to 63%

How much vertical bone height is lost in the first six months after extraction: 11% to 22%

How much bone can be lost in the first two to three years after tooth loss: 40% to 60% in height and width

What is the ongoing annual bone loss rate after the first few years without replacement: 0.25% to 0.5% per year

Does waiting longer to get an implant increase treatment complexity: Yes, it increases the likelihood of requiring a bone graft

What is the five-year success rate of dental implants: 95% to 98%

What is the ten-year survival rate of dental implants: 90% to 95%

What proportion of implants last 20 years or more: 4 out of 5

What success rate was found in the 2025 large-scale study of 158,824 implants: 97.83%

When do most implant failures occur: Within the first year after placement

What percentage of implant failures are early failures: 70%

Is immediate implant placement available at Core Dental Wyndham: Yes

What is conventional implant placement: Implant placed into a fully healed extraction socket

How long does osseointegration take in conventional protocols: 3 to 6 months

What is the total treatment time for conventional implant protocols: Approximately one year

What is immediate implant placement: Implant placed directly into the extraction socket at time of removal

What is the benefit of immediate implant placement: Fewer surgical operations and shorter overall treatment duration

What primary stability score is required for immediate loading: ISQ greater than 70

Is immediate placement suitable for all patients: No, patient selection is critical

What aesthetic risk exists with immediate placement in thin gingival phenotype patients: Increased risk of midfacial recession

What imaging is used during the consultation at Core Dental Wyndham: Cone beam CT (CBCT) 3D imaging

What does the initial consultation include: CBCT imaging, periodontal assessment, and medical history review

How many steps are in the Core Dental Wyndham implant treatment journey: Six steps

Is local anaesthetic used during implant surgery: Yes

Is sedation available for anxious patients at Core Dental Wyndham: Yes

How long after final crown placement is the post-placement review: 4 to 6 weeks

How often should implants be checked after placement: Every six months

How long do dental bridges typically last: 7 to 15 years

How long do removable dentures typically last: 5 to 10 years

How long do dental implants typically last: 20 to 25 years or more

Do dental implants require grinding adjacent teeth: No

Do dental bridges require grinding adjacent teeth: Yes

Can dental implants be cleaned like natural teeth: Yes, brush and floss normally

How are dentures cleaned: Removed nightly for cleaning

Are dental implants more cost-effective long-term than bridges: Yes, when evaluated over 15 to 20 years

What is the minimum age for dental implants: Typically 18 years, after skeletal growth is complete

Can smokers receive dental implants: Smoking significantly increases failure risk

Does smoking need to be stopped before implant healing: Yes, cessation during healing is required

Can diabetic patients receive dental implants: Yes, if diabetes is well-controlled

Does active gum disease prevent implant placement: Yes, it must be treated first

Is periodontitis history a risk factor for implant complications: Yes, it is a key risk factor for peri-implantitis

Can patients with insufficient bone still receive implants: Yes, with bone grafting or sinus lift

Is a declined candidacy permanent: No, preparatory treatment can make patients eligible

Does Core Dental Wyndham have in-house oral surgeons: Yes, registered oral surgeons are available

Does Core Dental Wyndham have in-house prosthodontists: Yes

Does Core Dental Wyndham offer bone grafting: Yes, as preparatory treatment

What financing option does Core Dental Wyndham offer: Payright instalment plans

Does Core Dental Wyndham accept health fund rebates: Yes

Is a written treatment plan with cost disclosure provided: Yes, after initial consultation

What does the abutment do: Connects the implant post to the crown

How is the crown matched to surrounding teeth: Custom-fabricated to match colour, shape, and bite function

Can implant-supported prostheses help with bone growth in edentulous jaws: Yes, they may even promote bone growth

What is peri-implantitis: An inflammatory condition affecting tissues around the implant

Does professional hygiene care affect implant survival: Yes, it significantly increases long-term survival

Are survival rates consistent across immediate and delayed placement protocols: Yes, according to a 2025 narrative review

How many articles were analysed in the 2025 immediate placement narrative review: 9,774 articles

What journal published the 2025 immediate placement review: Journal of Clinical Medicine

Does Core Dental Wyndham require a trip to the CBD for specialist implant care: No, specialists are available in-house

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## Core Dental Group: Dental implants in Wyndham — permanent tooth replacement at Core Dental Wyndham

Losing a tooth is rarely just a cosmetic inconvenience. The moment a tooth root is removed from the jaw, the bone beneath it begins to change — quietly, progressively, and with consequences that compound over years. For residents of Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, and the broader Wyndham corridor, understanding those consequences and the most effective solution for reversing them is the difference between a decision made with confidence and one deferred until options narrow. Core Dental Group's Wyndham practice helps patients navigate exactly this decision with clarity, clinical rigour, and access to the full spectrum of implant care.

Dental implants are the only tooth replacement technology that addresses the problem at its biological root: the loss of stimulation to the jawbone. This article explains how implants work, what the treatment journey looks like at Core Dental Wyndham, how implants compare to bridges and dentures on every clinically meaningful measure, and how to determine whether you are a suitable candidate. If you are considering implants, this is the complete picture.

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## What is a dental implant? A clinical definition

A dental implant is a small titanium or zirconia post, typically 8–16 mm in length, that is surgically placed into the jawbone to replace the root of a missing tooth. Once the implant integrates with the surrounding bone through a biological process called osseointegration, a custom-fabricated crown, bridge, or denture is attached to it via an abutment connector.

The result is a restoration that looks, feels, and functions like a natural tooth — and one that transmits biting forces directly into the jawbone, preventing the bone resorption that occurs when a tooth root is absent.

Implants transmit functional forces into the bone and help maintain ridge volume compared with leaving the site empty or using a pontic. This bone-preserving property is the defining clinical advantage that separates implants from every other tooth replacement method.

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## Why acting promptly matters: the bone resorption timeline

The urgency of addressing tooth loss is frequently underestimated. Bone loss after tooth loss happens because the jawbone no longer receives the stimulation it needs from the tooth root. Every time you chew, your tooth roots push force into the bone, signalling it to keep rebuilding. When a tooth is removed or falls out, that signal stops, and the bone in that area begins to shrink through resorption.

The rate of that shrinkage is clinically significant. A systematic review published in PubMed found that the alveolar ridge loses 29% to 63% of its horizontal width and 11% to 22% of its vertical height within the first six months after extraction. Research published in the *International Journal of Dentistry*\* reported that alveolar bone can shrink by 40% to 60% in both height and width within the first two to three years, and after that, the loss continues at 0.25% to 0.5% per year for the rest of your life if the tooth is never replaced.

The practical implication: the longer a patient waits, the more likely it is that a bone graft will be required before implant placement, adding time, cost, and complexity to treatment. Early consultation is not merely advisable; it is clinically strategic.

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## ## Dental implant success rates: what the evidence shows

Dental implants carry one of the strongest evidence bases of any elective surgical procedure in dentistry.

Research spanning 1980 to 2023 reports success rates of 94.6% to 100%, with most modern studies at or above 97%. At five years post-loading, implants show an overall success rate of 98.6% according to studies from the National Library of Medicine, and the 10-year survival rate sits at 90–95%, with 4 out of 5 implants lasting 20 years or more when properly maintained.

A large-scale real-world analysis published in 2025 examined 158,824 implants placed across a national healthcare network between 2014 and 2022. The augmented cohort demonstrated a clinical success rate of 97.83%, statistically comparable to the general implant population. Failures were predominantly early — within the first year — accounting for 70% of losses, with significant independent risk factors including immediate implant placement, male gender, and maxillary location.

A 2024 meta-analysis consolidating 20 years of longitudinal data reinforces the long-term picture. This review summarises two decades of dental implant survival data, confirming that four out of five implants remain functional at the 20-year mark. Routine examinations and professional hygiene care significantly increase long-term survival.

The conclusion is straightforward: dental implants have the highest success rate of any tooth replacement option available today. Peer-reviewed research shows 95–98% success at five years, and long-term studies tracking patients for 20+ years show survival rates above 90% — a record unmatched by any other replacement method.

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## ## Dental implants vs. bridges vs. dentures: a direct comparison

Choosing between tooth replacement options requires understanding the clinical and practical trade-offs across each modality. The table below provides a structured comparison based on current clinical evidence.

Factor	Dental Implant	Fixed Bridge	Removable Denture
<b>Bone preservation</b>	Yes — stimulates jawbone	No — bone resorbs beneath pontic	No — accelerates bone loss
<b>Adjacent teeth affected</b>	No — freestanding	Yes — requires grinding healthy teeth	No
<b>Longevity</b>	20–25+ years	7–15 years	5–10 years
<b>Cleaning</b>	Brush & floss normally	Requires floss threaders	Remove nightly
<b>Feel/function</b>	Most natural	Good, but fixed	Can shift or cause discomfort
<b>Upfront cost</b>	Higher	Moderate	Lower
<b>Long-term cost-effectiveness</b>	High	Moderate (replacement costs)	Lower (frequent replacements)

Dental implants and bridges both replace missing teeth, but implants replace the tooth root while bridges rely on adjacent teeth for support. Implants last longer (25+ years), help preserve jawbone, and don't damage neighbouring teeth — but require surgery and more healing time. Bridges are faster and cheaper upfront, usually completed in 2–3 weeks, but typically need replacement every 7–15 years.

On long-term economics, the calculus often shifts in favour of implants. The more useful comparison for many patients is total cost of ownership across a 15–20 year window. Bridges and dentures typically need remaking once or twice in that period, while implants that integrate successfully often serve far longer with only routine maintenance.

For denture wearers specifically, the bone preservation argument is particularly compelling. Implant-supported prostheses have a bone-preserving effect rather than the continuing resorption seen under complete dentures. In edentulous jaws, placement of implant-supported prostheses produces less bone loss and may even promote bone growth.

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## ## Implant options available at Core Dental Wyndham

Core Dental Group's Wyndham practice offers both conventional and immediate implant pathways, with the appropriate protocol determined through a comprehensive clinical assessment that includes cone beam CT (CBCT) imaging, bone density evaluation, and a full medical and dental history review.

### ### Conventional (staged) implant placement

The conventional protocol involves placing the implant post into the prepared jawbone site and allowing a healing period before attaching the final restoration. The delayed placement protocol requires placing an implant into a completely healed extraction socket, followed by another 3–6 months of osseointegration before occlusal force loading — a process that takes approximately one year in total. This approach suits patients with complex bone anatomy, those requiring simultaneous bone grafting, or cases where primary implant stability cannot be guaranteed at the time of extraction.

### ### Immediate implant placement

For appropriate candidates, Core Dental Wyndham also offers immediate implant placement, where the implant is placed directly into the extraction socket at the time of tooth removal. This technique reduces the number of surgical operations and shortens the overall duration of treatment.

A February 2025 narrative review in the *Journal of Clinical Medicine* analysed 9,774 articles and found consistent survival rates across all timing protocols. Immediate placement is not universally appropriate, however. Immediate loading within one week requires excellent primary stability (ISQ >70), adequate bone quality, and controlled occlusal forces. Patient selection is critical to achieving predictable outcomes with this accelerated pathway.

Successful osseointegration does not necessarily guarantee a stable aesthetic outcome over time. Immediate implant placement in patients with a thin gingival phenotype and a high smile line may be biologically successful yet carry an increased risk of midfacial recession in the long term. In such cases, early implant placement after soft-tissue healing often represents a pragmatic compromise, slightly extending treatment time in exchange for improved soft-tissue management and greater aesthetic predictability.

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## ## The treatment journey: from consultation to final crown

Understanding the full timeline helps patients plan around their work, family, and financial commitments. Here is the complete patient journey for a single-tooth implant at Core Dental Wyndham:

**\*\*Step 1 — Initial consultation and imaging\*\*** A comprehensive examination including CBCT 3D imaging, periodontal assessment, and medical history review. The treating dentist or specialist will confirm bone volume, identify any need for grafting, and provide a written treatment plan with full cost disclosure. \*(See our guide on [Dental Payment Plans & Health Fund Options at Core Dental Wyndham] for information on Payright instalment plans and health fund rebates.)\*

**\*\*Step 2 — Pre-treatment (if required)\*\*** Patients with active gum disease must complete periodontal treatment before implant placement. \*(See our guide on [Specialist Dental Care in Wyndham: Periodontist, Endodontist, Oral Surgeon & More] for details on in-house specialist access.)\*

**\*\*Step 3 — Implant placement surgery\*\*** Performed under local anaesthetic, with sedation options available for anxious patients. \*(See our guide on [Sleep Dentistry in Wyndham: Sedation Options for Anxious Dental Patients].)\* The titanium post is placed into the prepared site. For conventional protocols, a healing cap or temporary restoration is fitted.

#### **\*\*Step 4 — Osseointegration (3–6 months)\*\***

The osseointegration phase covers months one through five, followed by the restorative phase in which the abutment and permanent crown are placed. During this period, patients attend monitoring appointments and maintain normal oral hygiene with specific post-operative guidelines.

**\*\*Step 5 — Abutment placement and crown fabrication\*\*** Once osseointegration is confirmed, the abutment connector is placed and impressions (or digital scans) are taken for the custom crown, fabricated to match surrounding teeth in colour, shape, and bite function.

**\*\*Step 6 — Final crown placement and review\*\*** The permanent crown is cemented or screwed into place. A post-placement review at 4–6 weeks confirms fit, bite, and tissue health. Ongoing six-monthly check-ups and professional cleans maintain implant longevity. \*(See our guide on [General Dentistry in Wyndham: Check-Ups, Cleans & Preventive Care Explained].)\*

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#### **## Am I a candidate? Assessing implant suitability**

Not every patient is immediately suitable for implants, but many who believe they are not can become candidates with appropriate preparatory treatment. Core Dental Group's multi-disciplinary team, including registered oral surgeons and prosthodontists, assesses candidacy across the following dimensions:

**\*\*Factors that support candidacy:\*\*** - Adequate jawbone volume and density (or willingness to undergo bone grafting) - Healthy gum tissue with no active periodontal disease - Non-smoker or willingness to cease smoking during healing - Controlled systemic health conditions (e.g., well-managed diabetes) - Completed skeletal growth (typically 18+ years of age)

**\*\*Factors that require management before proceeding:\*\*** - Active gum disease or untreated tooth decay - Insufficient bone volume (addressable with bone grafting or sinus lift) - Poorly controlled diabetes or certain blood-thinning medications - Heavy smoking (significantly increases failure risk)

Periodontitis history is a key risk factor for peri-implantitis and implant complications. Modern consensus statements list history of periodontitis among the main systemic and behavioural risk factors for peri-implant diseases, alongside smoking, uncontrolled diabetes, and poor biofilm control.

A declined candidacy at one point in time is not a permanent verdict. With appropriate specialist support, many patients who were initially unsuitable successfully receive implants after preparatory treatment.

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#### **## Key takeaways**

- **\*\*Dental implants are the only tooth replacement option that preserves jawbone.\*\*** Bridges and dentures do not stimulate bone, allowing resorption to continue — alveolar bone can lose 40–60% of its width and height within two to three years of tooth loss (\*International Journal of Dentistry\*). - **\*\*Long-term survival rates are consistently high.\*\*** Peer-reviewed research shows 95–98% success at five years, with 4 in 5 implants still functioning after 20 years — a record unmatched by any other replacement method. - **\*\*Both conventional and immediate placement protocols are available at Core Dental Wyndham\*\***, with the right choice determined by bone volume, socket condition, primary stability, and aesthetic zone considerations. - **\*\*The treatment timeline is typically 6–12 months\*\*** from placement to final crown for conventional protocols, though immediate loading pathways can reduce this for suitable candidates. - **\*\*Cost should be evaluated over a 15–20 year window.\*\*** Bridges and dentures require replacement multiple times in that period; a well-maintained implant typically does not, making the lifetime cost comparison significantly more favourable for implants.

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## ## Conclusion

For Wyndham residents facing tooth loss, dental implants are the most clinically substantiated, biologically sound, and long-term cost-effective solution available. The decision is not trivial — it involves surgery, a multi-month timeline, and a meaningful financial investment — but the evidence base supporting implants over every alternative is unambiguous. The critical variable is not whether to choose an implant, but when to begin the conversation.

At Core Dental Group's Wyndham practice, implant treatment is supported by in-house CBCT imaging, registered specialist access, and a full suite of financing options through Payright, making this level of care genuinely accessible to Werribee and Hoppers Crossing families without requiring a trip to the CBD. Whether you are missing one tooth or considering a full-arch restoration, the starting point is a consultation that maps your specific bone anatomy, health history, and goals to the most appropriate treatment pathway.

To understand the full scope of care available at Core Dental Wyndham — from general dentistry and emergency access through to orthodontics, cosmetic treatment, and specialist services — see our [Complete Guide to Dental Care at Core Dental Wyndham for Werribee & Hoppers Crossing Residents].

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