

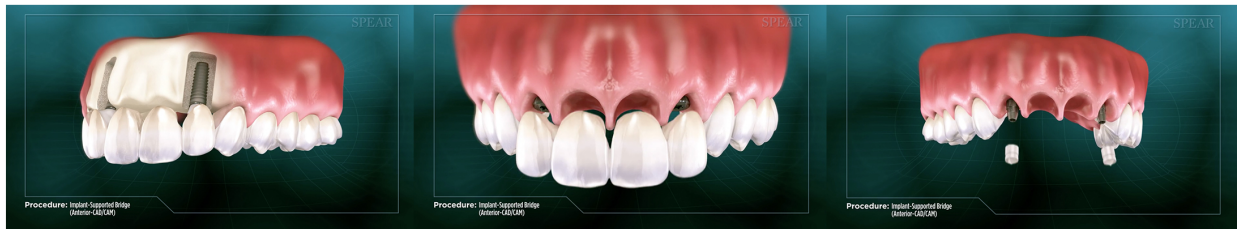
# DENTAL IMPLANTS

## IMPLANT SUPPORTED FIXED BRIDGE

An **implant supported bridge** is similar to a regular dental bridge, but it is supported by **implants** and not by natural teeth. In most cases, when an implant-supported bridge is used, two or more implants are placed in the jawbone. Crowns are then connected to each other to form one piece. Although the process may take longer, the use of dental implants provides several advantages over partial dentures:

- Partial dentures that slip and slide can cause sore and irritated gums.
- Partial dentures can cause additional stress to the teeth they are attached to.
- Partial dentures may require denture adhesives to help keep them in place. This adhesive can be messy and sometimes doesn't help at all. The fixed nature of dental implants is often a relief to those who have been struggling with partials as the implants don't need to be taken out to be cleaned.
- With partial dentures, the lack of tooth roots (or implants) deprive the jaw of stimulation needed to maintain optimum bone levels. This causes bone loss and can lead to other problems in your jaw.

With an implant supported fixed bridge, you'll never have to get up in the morning and "put in your teeth" before facing the world!



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