

## Dental implants

Dental implants are used to replace missing teeth. An implant has 2 parts: a metal anchor and a false tooth. A dental implant looks and feels like a natural tooth.



The metal anchor is inserted into the jawbone



After the anchor has been inserted, the false tooth is put into place

## Quick tips on how to take care of your restorative work

- Brush your teeth in the morning and night and after meals to help reduce plaque build-up
- Electric toothbrushes can help remove plaque from your teeth and prosthodontic work
- Make sure to clean around your teeth, dental implants, crowns and bridges every day using dental floss or interdental brushes
- Try not to chew on hard or sticky foods. These can damage your implant, bridge or crown
- Use a mouth rinse to help get rid of plaque bacteria around prosthodontic work

To learn more about prosthodontics, talk to your dental professional or visit [oralb.com](http://oralb.com).

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# What is prosthodontics?

Prosthodontics is the term dental professionals use to explain how they replace missing or damaged teeth. The goal is to bring back your natural smile and prevent future oral health issues.

## Why prosthodontic procedures are important

- Filling in empty spaces in the mouth helps to keep teeth in the right place
- Replacing teeth helps to maintain good oral care habits, which can help prevent oral disease and plaque build-up
- Missing teeth can affect your health, looks and how you feel about yourself

## Prosthodontic treatment options

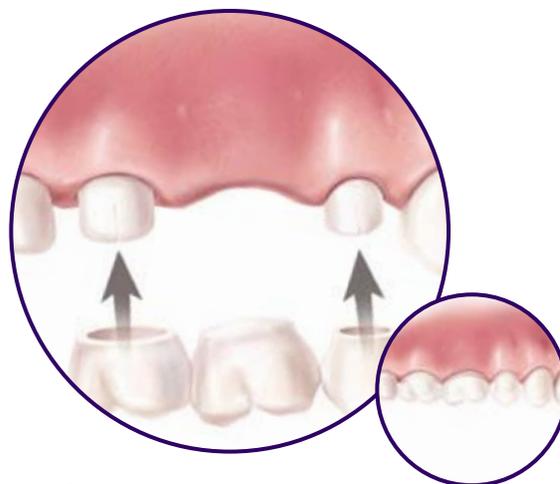
There are a few different treatment options your dental professional may suggest. These include bridges, crowns and implants.

## Bridges

A dental bridge covers or “bridges” the gap between missing teeth.

After you lose a tooth, your dentist may suggest that you get a bridge. A bridge can keep your other teeth from moving out of place.

Once a bridge is placed, it works just like your natural teeth.



A bridge is used when one or more teeth are missing. The bridge is fitted perfectly and cemented to your teeth

## Crowns

A crown is a tooth-shaped cap that is placed over a tooth. It is used to strengthen and protect your tooth structure. Crowns are either made of precious metal which may be veneered or of a hard, white substance (ceramics) to help them look natural.



A crown is ideal for people with broken teeth or cavities



The crown is cemented into place over the damaged tooth