

How to Replace a Tooth

Bridge

A bridge is restoration that literally “bridges” over the space by bonding an artificial tooth to teeth on both sides of the gap. The teeth on both sides of the space must be strong because they will now carry more of the load than they would as an individual tooth.



The Good:

Cost: Typically cheaper than an implant
Insurance coverage
Time: In most cases a bridge can be completed in a shorter amount of time than an implant.
Esthetic and Functional

The Bad:

Surrounding teeth must be trimmed to allow bridge placement
Hygiene: Must floss underneath the bridge to keep clean, as the abutment teeth are susceptible to decay

Implant

An implant is essentially a titanium screw that fuses with the bone mimicking a natural tooth root. An artificial tooth is then attached to this “root”.



The Good:

Closest thing to a real tooth
Longevity: entirely artificial, so no chance of decay as in the teeth supporting a bridge
Hygiene: Can floss and clean the same as a natural tooth
Esthetic and Functional

The Bad:

Cost: Typically more expensive than an implant
Insurance coverage: You need to check your plan to see if they would cover the implant placement
Time: Typically takes a longer amount of time to have a permanent restoration completed, as healing time is required to allow the implant to fuse with the bone.

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