

GUIDE TO DENTAL IMPLANTS



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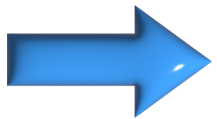


If you lose one or more teeth due to periodontal disease, or another cause, there is hope. Dental implants are changing the way people live! They are designed to provide a foundation for replacement teeth that look, feel, and function like natural teeth. The person who has lost teeth regains the ability to eat virtually anything and can smile with confidence, knowing that teeth appear natural and that facial contours will be preserved. Patients with dental implants can smile with confidence.

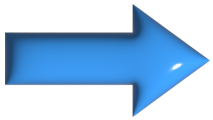
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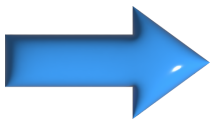
Types of Dental Implants



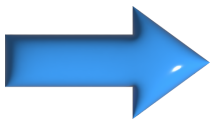
A replacement tooth (i.e. crown) is used to replace one missing tooth – each prosthetic tooth attaches to its own implant.



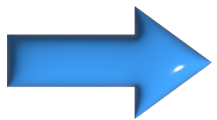
A partial prosthesis (fixed bridge) can replace two or more teeth and may require only two or three implants.



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A complete dental prosthesis (fixed bridge) replaces all the teeth in your upper or lower jaw. The number of implants varies depending upon which type of complete prosthesis (removable or fixed) is recommended.



A removable prosthesis (over denture) attaches to a bar or ball in socket attachments, whereas a fixed prosthesis is permanent and removable only by a professional.

Dr. McGehee performs in-office dental implant surgery in hospital-style operating suites, thus optimizing the level of sterility. Inpatient hospital implant surgery is for patients who have special medical or anesthetic needs or for those who need extensive bone grafting from the jaw, hip or tibia.



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Evaluation

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During the consultation visits, Dr. McGehee will address your specific needs and considerations. Your questions and concerns are important to us and our team will work with you very closely to help make your procedure a success.

We will also discuss fees and insurance at this time. There are many types of insurance plans, and coverage for implants is varied. We will be happy to assist you in obtaining any benefits to which you may be entitled.

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For most patients, the placement of dental implants involves two surgical procedures. First, implants are placed within your jawbone. Healing time following surgery varies from person to person and is based on a variety of factors, such as hardness of bone. In some cases, implants may be restored immediately after they are placed.

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For the first three to six months following the surgery, dental implants are beneath the surface of the gums gradually bonding with the jawbone. You should be able to wear temporary dentures and eat a soft diet at this time. At the same time, your restorative dentist designs the final bridgework or denture that will ultimately improve both function and aesthetics.

After the implant has bonded to the jawbone, the second phase begins. Dr. McGehee will uncover the implants and attach a small healing collar. After two weeks your general dentist will be able to start making your new teeth. An impression must be taken. Then posts or attachments can be connected to the implants. The teeth replacements are then made over the posts or attachments. The entire procedure usually takes six to eight months. Most patients do not experience any disruption in their daily life.

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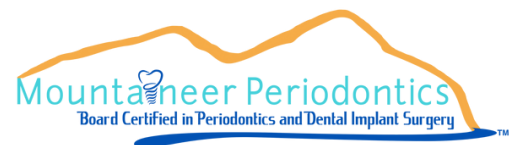
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Dr. McGehee

Dr. John McGehee is originally from Coastal Mississippi. After earning his DMD from the University of Mississippi in 2003, he began a vigorous 3 year residency training program in Periodontics at the University of Louisville. Dr. McGehee then served as an Officer in the US Navy Dental Corps. During his Naval career, he was awarded multiple Achievement/Commendation Medals including Outstanding Clinician for his Battalion. He was also awarded the Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in Periodontics award while assigned as Staff at the prestigious Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. McGehee was promoted to the rank of Commander just prior to resigning his commission in the US Navy in 2015 after 9 years of active duty service.

Upon his transition from the Navy to the private sector, Dr. McGehee moved to Charleston after purchasing the practice. He and his wife Melissa are the proud parents of their daughter Madison. He is an active member in the American Academy of Periodontology, American Dental Association, Kanawha Valley Dental Society, and Charleston Dental Study Club. Dr. McGehee has also been a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology since 2007. Dr. McGehee was honored to recently be inducted as a Fellow In the International College of Dentists. This is an honorary organization that recognizes leadership, professionalism, integrity, ethics and excellence in the field of dentistry.



Next Steps

Thank you!

Contact us today by phone or email to schedule a consultation to see which implant solution is right for you.



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