

# Are you missing a tooth?

Smile again with modern dental solutions





### Why you shouldn't ignore a missing tooth

Once you lose a tooth, the immediate solution is to replace it, especially if it is a front tooth. But what happens when you lose a tooth that is not visible when you smile? The tendency is generally to ignore it.

However, any missing tooth can have a negative impact on your quality of life, as well as dental and oral health. When we chew, a healthy tooth strengthens the quality of the bone.

Furthermore, when a tooth is missing, healthy teeth tend to shift position towards the gap due to bone loss, affecting how our upper and lower teeth meet.

This may affect how we place pressure on the teeth when chewing, and have an impact on surrounding muscles and joints, resulting in pain and various other symptoms such as headaches or migraines. Hence, each tooth plays an important role in ensuring that teeth either side stay in alignment and maintain the health of the jawbone.

Tooth loss also leads to bone loss, which changes the shape of the face. Without the stimulating effect of teeth chewing on the jawbone, it contracts. This visibly shrinks the lips and jawline making you appear older.

Modern dental technology can restore your quality of life with teeth that are strong that look natural and feel comfortable.



#### Modern versus traditional solutions

Ask you dentist about the various methods available to replace a missing tooth.

A traditional bridge: is an old fashioned solution to fill a toothgap. It is secured by having healthy teeth on either side ground down, so the crowns are placed over them for security. Those crowns are attached to the bridge to make a solid row of teeth.



Today's modern implant solution: A missing tooth can be replaced by a dental implant without altering the healthy adjacent teeth. The implant mimics your dental root. Once the implant is placed, a post (or abutment) is attached providing support for your final crown. This method does not affect your other healthy adjacent teeth.

A ceramic crown is then placed on your implant. It is individually made to match the shade and contour of your natural teeth so practically no one can tell the difference.





## A dental implant offer you many advantages

Developed and introduced in the 1970's, dental implants are the restorative solution of choice for dentists when replacing missing teeth today. Thanks to modern technology and using biocompatible materials, dental implants have proven to be a trusted, reliable, and attractive solution.

#### Implant benefits

- No need to grind down adjacent healthy teeth, unlike conventional bridges.
- Maintains natural bone, and minimizes further bone loss due to bone stimulation – one of the most important advantages.
- Functions like your natural tooth root. You do not feel the difference.
- Accepted by your body due to biocompatible materials used.
- Can last a lifetime with proper care and good oral hygiene.
- Proven track record. Dental implants have been used by dental professionals for over 50 years, as a trusted method of tooth replacement.





## An attractive smile reflects a healthy life

Attractive, natural-looking teeth help us look and feel our best. They allow us to enjoy the foods we love and to feel naturally confident where it really counts; at home, at work, on the playing field or while enjoying leisure time with friends.

Today, modern dental restorations help thousands of people improve their lives. With the latest technologies and materials, individual teeth – or even an entire row of teeth – can be replaced to restore a natural-looking appearance and function.

We invite you to learn more about the many options available. Ask your dentist about regaining a natural, self-confident smile.



# Tailoring a solution for you

Your dentist best placed to answer any questions you may have about implant solutions and for information on BioHorizons Camlog products. In addition, you can visit our website at www.biohorizonscamlog.com.

#### Important Notice.

The information provided here is intended as an overview of routine dental crown and implant procedures. Because each patient is unique, so are their treatment plans. Timing, cost and delivery of care will be customised to suit an individual's situation. Each care provider employs their own experience, and preferred techniques in treatment, and they may suggest alternatives or variations, which are not included in this leaflet.

#### Special information on immediate implant procedures.

For this technique, a tooth is removed, and an implant is immediately placed into the extraction site. Depending on the local bone and soft-tissue conditions, the implant surgery may be a one- or two-stage procedure. This approach is not indicated for all cases nor all patients.

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