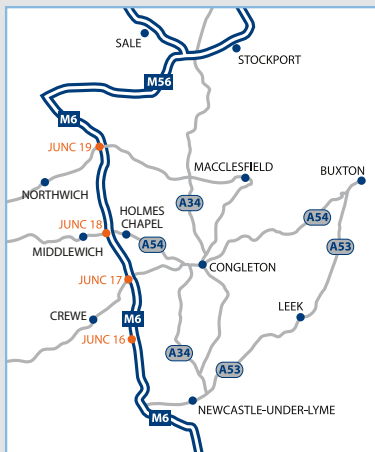
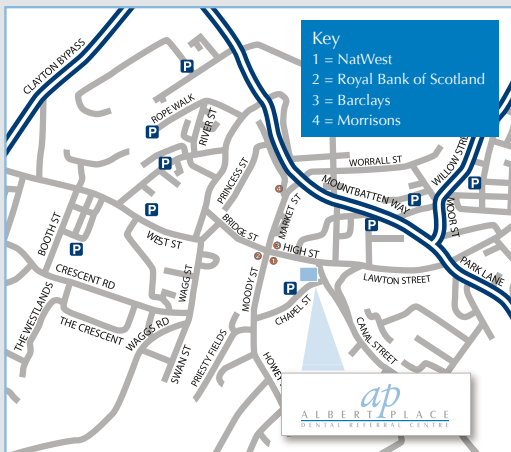


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Implants

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What is an implant?

A dental implant is a small root-shaped screw made from titanium. It is inserted into the jawbone in an area where a tooth has been lost. The implant then acts as a 'root' on which single crowns can be placed. More implants can be inserted into spaces where several teeth have been lost, to support dentures or bridges.

What are the benefits of implants?

Dental implants have become the alternative to bridgework for permanently replacing missing teeth. No preparation of the healthy teeth either side is necessary.

Implants can greatly improve the comfort of dentures. They are frequently used to stabilise moving or slipping dentures, which greatly improves the quality of life for those who struggle to cope with dentures.

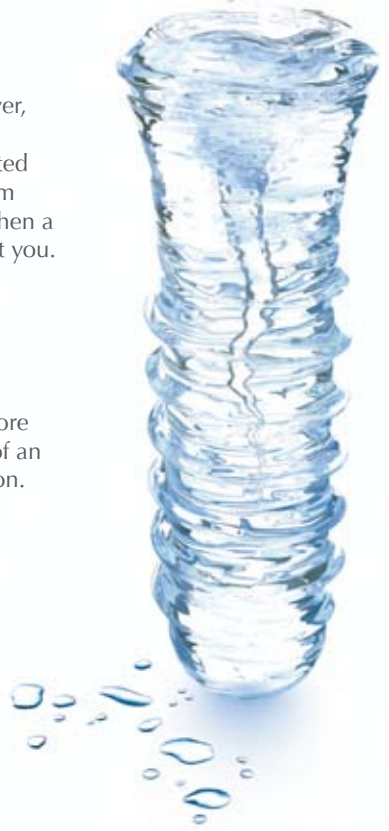
If any teeth are missing, the surrounding bone begins to reduce in size. Implants can help maintain the shape and structure of the jawbone.

Am I suitable for implants?

There is no upper age limit for the placement of implants, provided you continue to enjoy reasonable health. However, it is important to know that habits such as smoking and heavy drinking can affect the number of problems associated with initial healing and may also lead to a poorer long-term success rate. If you have complicated medical problems, then a practitioner with the relevant experience may need to treat you.

How much does it cost?

The cost will vary depending on the degree and extent of treatment needed. The full cost is therefore explained and confirmed in writing with a full written treatment plan before treatment commences. In Britain today the average price of an implant is £1,200 with additional charges for the restoration.





What is involved?

The implant process normally involves several steps over a period of time, from 6 weeks to as much as 12 months, depending on complexity. There are many treatment methods, but a typical process is explained below.

Assessment planning - a feasibility study is compiled and impressions for study models and x-rays are taken. A treatment plan is then formulated and options are discussed with the patient.

Implant placement - surgery is performed under sterile conditions at the practice with local anaesthetic and, if indicated, supplemented by sedation. Bone grafting may be carried out at this point, if not before, to supplement poor quality bone.

Integration period - this is the period during which the implant is allowed to settle, and the bone around the implant to fuse to it, before the final restoration is placed. The patient normally has a temporary restoration during this time. This period can be short (several weeks) or longer (several months) depending on the case and the healing.

Restorative phase - the final replacement teeth are placed on the implants. The dental surgeon works closely with a skilled dental laboratory to restore the implants into function.

Where can I have my implants placed?

Talk to your dentist and they will advise you. Your dentist enjoys a close relationship with Albert Place Dental Referral Centre, a practice dedicated to specialised treatment such as implants.

Maintenance

Regular review and cleaning of the restorations are necessary to keep them in the best possible condition.

How long will the implants last?

Once treatment is complete, regular check-ups and maintenance should ensure that implants last for many years.