

Second Opinion

by Dr. Vladimir Pastouk



Dental implants

With recent advancements in dental implant technology, almost anyone can enjoy the physical and emotional health benefits of a beautiful smile. But one reader wants to know, “Are they right for ME?”

Q I have heard that dental implants not only improve your smile but your overall health. But just what is a dental implant?

A A dental implant is a post that replaces the natural root of the tooth. The post is made of titanium or titanium alloy, which is specifically designed to be inserted into the area of the missing tooth. Once this implant is surgically placed into the bone, the titanium integrates and fuses with the bone and creates the base for the crown to be placed over it. The new tooth fits, looks, and functions just like a natural tooth.

At Dental & Cosmetic Solutions, we offer comprehensive dental implant treatment—from initial diagnosis to developing a customized treatment plan, tooth extraction, placing the implant, and fitting the crown.

A dental implant is the best solution if you have missing teeth because it helps retain

bone structure to support your dentition versus a bridge which attributes to bone loss.

Q Who is a good candidate for dental implant treatment? Am I too old for implants?

A Dental implants are a good solution, whether you are missing one tooth, several teeth, or an entire arch.

Any person with a missing tooth can benefit from implants, with only a few exceptions: those who are pregnant, have an active infection, immune deficiency, or uncontrolled diabetes. Most of these are

temporary conditions, so once they are resolved almost everyone is a good candidate.



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There is no age restriction for implants, as long as the tooth growth is completed, which usually occurs in the late teens. You are never too old, as I just did an implant on an 86-year-old patient who broke his front tooth. He chose to

have an implant as it was the best option and to improve his quality of life.

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FREE DENTAL IMPLANT SEMINAR

WHEN: Wednesday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Dental & Cosmetic Solutions offices, 3550 Lander Road, Suite 140, in Pepper Pike (in the Howard Hanna building).

DETAILS: Join Dr. Pastouk for a free seminar where you'll learn more about the latest in implant technology. Find out how changing your smile really can change your life. Seating is limited. Please call 216-292-3600 to reserve your spot.