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How Modern Dental Implants Address the Challenges of Missing Teeth

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Missing teeth can affect more than the appearance of a smile. Gaps may interfere with speech, change how a person chews, and contribute to changes in the jawbone over time. Mantis Dentistry & Implant Center provides implant dentistry for patients seeking tooth replacement options, combining individualized treatment planning, in-office surgical care, and diagnostic imaging to address the needs of those with missing teeth.

For patients considering dental implants, understanding the procedure and the factors that influence candidacy is an important part of making an informed decision. Implant treatment involves more than replacing the visible portion of a tooth. The process also addresses the underlying structure needed to support a replacement and maintain its position.

At Mantis Dentistry & Implant Center in Wilmette, Illinois, Dr. Dino Mantis, DDS, evaluates patients to determine whether implant dentistry is an appropriate option. The practice serves patients throughout Chicago's North Shore, including Evanston, where individuals may seek alternatives to conventional tooth replacement methods.

A dental implant functions as an artificial tooth root, attaching to the jawbone to support a prosthetic restoration such as a crown or bridge. Unlike removable appliances, an implant-supported restoration is anchored in place. The treatment plan depends on the number of missing teeth, the condition of the surrounding tissues, and the patient's overall oral health.

One consideration in tooth replacement is the relationship between missing teeth and the jawbone. When a natural tooth is lost, the bone in that area may gradually deteriorate because it no longer receives the stimulation associated with the tooth root. An implant can help preserve bone in the treatment area by providing a structure around which bone can integrate. The extent of this benefit depends on individual circumstances, including bone quality and successful healing.

Tooth loss can also affect everyday activities that people often take for granted. Depending on the location and number of missing teeth, patients may experience difficulty chewing certain foods or articulating particular sounds. Replacing missing teeth can help restore these functions, although the outcome varies by patient and treatment type. Implant-supported restorations also require routine oral hygiene and professional dental care to maintain the health of the surrounding tissues.

Treatment planning is a central part of the process at Mantis Dentistry & Implant Center. Dr. Mantis uses computed tomography imaging to assess the available bone and identify an appropriate implant position. This information helps guide placement and allows the procedure to be planned around the patient's anatomy. Surgical guides may also be used to help transfer the treatment plan to the procedure itself.

The practice's approach allows Dr. Mantis to manage implant placement from planning through surgery without routinely referring patients elsewhere for the implant procedure. For patients, having treatment coordinated within a single practice can make it easier to understand the steps involved and to communicate with the clinician responsible for their care.

Not every patient is immediately eligible for implant treatment. Adequate bone volume, healthy gum tissue, and suitable general health are important considerations before surgery. A dental examination and review of the patient's medical and dental history help determine whether additional treatment is needed before placement can proceed.

Patients with insufficient bone may have options to address that limitation. Depending on the clinical findings, procedures such as bone grafting or a sinus lift may help create the bone support required for an implant. These interventions are not appropriate for every patient, and their suitability depends on an individual assessment.

Cost, treatment time, healing requirements, and alternatives are also relevant topics during a consultation.

Implant treatment may involve several stages, including placement, healing, and attachment of the final restoration. Patients can discuss the expected sequence of care, potential risks, and available options before deciding how to proceed.

Individuals interested in learning more about implant dentistry can visit <https://drdinomantis.com/> to review practice information and request a consultation. An evaluation can help clarify whether implant treatment fits a patient's oral health needs and what preparation may be necessary.

Mantis Dentistry & Implant Center is a dental practice based in Wilmette, Illinois, providing general dental care and dental implants under the care of Dr. Dino Mantis, DDS. The practice serves Wilmette, Evanston, and surrounding communities across Chicago's North Shore, offering implant placement, restorative dentistry, and treatment planning supported by advanced dental imaging.

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