



## **Cummins Dental Group Offers Dental Implants in Springfield, IL**

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Cummins Dental Group has provided comprehensive dental services to families in the Springfield area for more than 30 years. As a family dentist, the practice offers dental implants as a permanent solution for patients with missing teeth, restoring both function and appearance through structured planning and clinical expertise.

Missing teeth can affect chewing efficiency, speech clarity, and jawbone stability over time. Dental implants address these concerns by replacing the tooth root with a biocompatible titanium post that integrates with the surrounding bone in a process known as osseointegration. This foundation supports a custom-crafted crown designed to match the shape, size, and color of natural teeth.

The practice utilizes advanced in-office Cone Beam Computed Tomography technology to create detailed three-dimensional images of the jaw. This imaging allows for precise evaluation of bone density, nerve pathways, sinus positioning, and other anatomical structures. Such planning helps determine ideal implant

positioning, angulation, and depth while reducing potential complications and supporting long-term success.

Dr. Shannon R. Cummins, D.M.D., leads the group with more than three decades of experience serving the local community. A Springfield native, Dr. Cummins graduated from Griffin High School in 1979, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Benedictine College in 1983, and received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in 1987. He has treated thousands of patients, including multiple generations within families.

"Advanced three-dimensional planning enables precise implant placement that accounts for individual bone quality and anatomical considerations," said Dr. Shannon R. Cummins, D.M.D., lead dentist at Cummins Dental Group. "This approach supports predictable integration and helps restore natural function and aesthetics for patients."

The dental team also includes Dr. Ethan M. Duewer, D.M.D., who grew up in Edwardsville, Illinois. Dr. Duewer completed his Bachelor of Science degree at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in 2017. He maintains a commitment to community service and has interests in mission work.

Dr. Ethan M. Duewer, D.M.D., addressed the continuity of care in implant treatment. "Patients benefit from guidance by the same experienced doctor from initial consultation through final restoration," said Dr. Ethan M. Duewer, D.M.D. "This structured process combines modern technology with personalized attention to support long-term outcomes."

Cummins Dental Group serves between 2,500 and 3,000 active patients from Springfield and areas as far as St. Louis, Missouri. The practice offers both general and cosmetic dentistry, with dental implants forming part of restorative options for patients of all ages. The team prioritizes continuity and clear communication throughout treatment, ensuring patients understand each step and the rationale behind recommendations.

Implant placement occurs with local anesthesia, and recovery is often comparable to that of a routine extraction. Detailed planning minimizes surgical trauma and promotes smoother healing. Many adults qualify as candidates, even with some bone loss, following comprehensive evaluation and imaging.

The locally owned practice emphasizes measured decision-making and relationship-driven care. By evaluating each case individually, the dentists develop plans tailored to specific oral health conditions, bite alignment, and patient goals. This individualized approach supports both functional restoration and natural-looking results.

For families, tooth loss can occur due to injury, decay, or other factors across different age groups. Dental

implants provide a stable solution that helps maintain jawbone health and prevents shifting of adjacent teeth. The practice's long history allows for ongoing monitoring and support for patients who choose this option.

The shared educational foundation from the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine among team members contributes to consistent clinical standards. Dr. Cummins's extensive experience complements the perspectives brought by associate dentists, creating a collaborative environment for complex procedures such as implant treatment.

Patients receive guidance on post-procedure care and expectations for integration and final restoration. The process involves careful attention to detail at every stage, from diagnostic imaging through placement and crown fabrication. This methodical approach enhances predictability and longevity of the restoration.

Cummins Dental Group continues its commitment to professional dental care in the Springfield region. The availability of dental implants within the practice reflects ongoing investment in technology and expertise to meet patient needs for durable tooth replacement. The team's focus remains on supporting oral health through informed, patient-centered treatment.

Cummins Dental Group is a dental practice that provides general and cosmetic dentistry services for patients of all ages. The group serves families in Springfield, Illinois, and surrounding communities with an emphasis on individualized care and clinical expertise developed over more than 30 years.

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