

While there is no doubt that dental implants are one of the best solutions to replace missing or damaged teeth, there are many different types of implant procedures offered and prices can vary widely based on your unique requirements. This quick reference guide is designed to give you a basic understanding of the types of restorations most offices offer.



Conventional Dentures or “False Teeth”

Dentures are removable prosthetic devices that act as a set of teeth. Dentures rely on adhesive to keep them sealed to your upper and lower gums. They do not function or feel like real teeth and you have to replace them every five to eight years. This is not an ideal long-term solution as the lack of dental stimulation (from implants or your teeth) to bone loss and other health complications.

Timeframe: Minimum of 4 visits; 3-6 weeks

Cost: \$ (Fees range from \$4,500 to \$6,000 per arch for cosmetic “Fountain of Youth” dentures*)



Locator Supported Overdentures or “Snap-on Dentures”

Unlike conventional dentures, implant supported overdentures attach to the jawbone using dental implants. The process of creating these dentures is similar to that of a conventional denture but requires surgery and healing time before receiving your final prosthesis. When finished, these dentures “snap” onto and attach to the locator attachments on your implants instead of needing to use adhesive. Overdentures require removing nightly for cleaning and although the implants do help your jaw’s overall health the prosthesis itself is not as secure in the mouth as a more fixed solution.

Timeframe: 4-9 months, depending on bone density and if removing teeth at the same time

Cost: \$\$ (Fees average between \$20,000 to \$30,000 per arch*)



Implant Supported Bar Overdenture or “Hader Bar”

This dental treatment requires the placement of at least 4 dental implants and the attachment of a customized bar. This bar provides rigid support and by using a series of clips, the dentures fit over the top of the bar. During the healing process the use of a temporary conventional denture is required. Once healing is complete, the denture will be fabricated to fit over the framework and is held in place. The denture itself is still made from acrylic meaning it will need to be removed overnight for cleaning and is prone to the same wear as above.

Timeframe: 6-9 months, usually a temporary arch of teeth is placed the next day so that you’re not without teeth

Cost: \$\$\$ (Fees average between \$25,000 to \$35,000 per arch*)



Secure Smile Implant Supported Prettau® Zirconia Bridge

The Secure Smile Bridge is attached to 5-6 dental implants giving you a restoration that functions and feels like your natural teeth. The Secure Smile prosthesis is superior in strength and will not stain, chip, or break. This prosthesis is customized to you and is designed to last a lifetime! Using CAD/CAM technology, we custom create the size, shape, and appearance of your new smile. The Prettau® Zirconia Bridge, made by our Secure Smile Dental Lab, is the only final restoration backed by multiple studies showing 99+% in-service success rates.

Timeframe: 5-8 months, temporary arch placed the next day, process that requires a number of visits to the office

Cost: \$\$\$\$ (\$30,000 to \$38,000 per arch*)