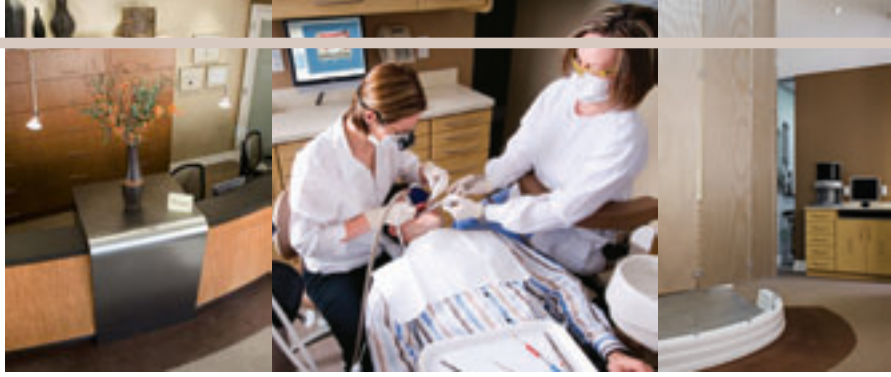


What are the limitations of tooth Loss?



Missing teeth may be cute in small children, but many adults feel extremely self-conscious about their smile if they have experienced tooth loss. People are living longer lives in a more esthetically pleasing way, which are two good reasons to consider tooth replacement options. What many people are not aware of is the impact that missing teeth may negative have on their health.

When you lose a tooth, there is a small area on your jawbone that no longer needs to provide support because the tooth and the root structure are no longer present. Your jawbone begins to lose its strength and firmness without that support. This deterioration does not happen immediately, but it is a concern for anyone who has missing teeth.

Tooth loss may lead to bone loss in the jaw bone because natural tooth roots stimulate the growth of new bone. When teeth are missing the bone which previously supported the teeth has no function and may start to melt away. Tooth loss can actually change your facial structure. This may result in collapsed facial profile, lost lip support, increased wrinkles around the mouth and the appearance of a pointed nose and chin that are too close together.

You cannot see or feel bone loss from missing teeth until it affects you on an emotional level such as

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lifestyle factors and esthetics. Studies suggest that tooth loss affects not only physical health, but psychological well being. Tooth loss forces lifestyle changes to those who suffer from it and can negatively affect a patient's esteem, self confidence and ability to properly chew and digest food.

Tooth loss may limit your choice of foods and in turn affect nutrition and general health. Missing teeth can place more stress on the remaining teeth, which can lead to further tooth loss. Individuals who suffer from tooth loss tend to favour softer more processed foods that may be higher in fat, sugar, salt and may lack vitamins and minerals. Increased intake of fat has been associated with increased risk of diabetes and various cardiac conditions

Dental implants are root and tooth replacement solutions that can actually protect your dental health by simulating your natural tooth and tooth root structure. A dental implant is a manufactured post that is designed to create a stable foundation that forms a biological bond to your jaw bone. Placed directly into the jawbone, and finished with a natural looking replacement tooth, a dental implant is the closest thing to your natural tooth.



Invitation

to learn more about dental implants

To learn more about dental implants, **please join us on Monday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.** for a dental implant information session. Dr. Kate Bazydlo and her staff at Winston Churchill Dental will be there to provide you with information on the value of dental implants and to answer any questions that you have. Light refreshments will be served. To confirm your attendance, please call our office at (905) 858-2345.

We look forward to seeing you.

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