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YOUR GUIDE TO REPLACING MISSING TEETH



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Hi, I'm Dr. Austin Toler. One of the most rewarding parts of my job is seeing someone smile again after they have been hiding it for years. Losing teeth affects so much more than just how you look. It can make it harder to eat, speak clearly, and even feel comfortable in social situations.

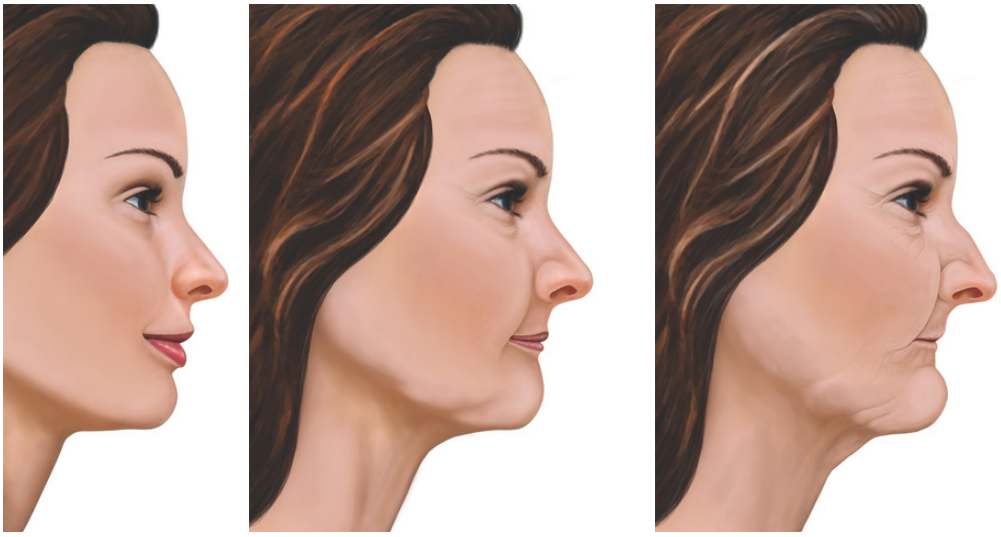
The good news is you do not have to live that way. Dentistry has come a long way, and there are safe, modern solutions that look and feel natural.

In this guide, I will walk you through why replacing missing teeth matters, what your options are, and how our team at Hixson Dental Group can help you smile with confidence again.

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Why Replacing Missing Teeth Matters



When teeth are lost, the jawbone slowly begins to shrink. As the bone fades, the face can start to sag, making you look older than you really are. Replacing missing teeth with the right treatment helps protect the jawbone and maintain a healthy, youthful profile.

Missing teeth also affect how you feel about yourself. Many people cover their mouths when they laugh or stop smiling in photos. It is common to feel embarrassed or less confident in social situations.

> Replacing teeth is not just about looks, it's about keeping your mouth healthy, eating the foods you enjoy, and feeling like yourself again.

Dental Implants



A dental implant is a small titanium post that is placed in the jawbone, where it acts like the root of a natural tooth. Once healed, a crown, bridge, or denture can be attached to the implant.

What to expect

Getting an implant involves a simple surgical procedure. Once the implant is placed, the bone bonds with it for strength and stability. A crown or other restoration is then attached, giving you a tooth that looks, feels, and functions just like the one you lost.

Pros

- Implants look and feel natural.
- They allow you to chew comfortably, even tough foods.
- They prevent bone loss and help keep your face looking youthful.
- With proper care, they can last a lifetime.

Cons

- Implants require a healing period before the final tooth is placed.
- They involve a higher upfront cost compared to other options.
- A minor surgical procedure is necessary.

> Most patients agree the benefits are well worth it. Implants are the closest thing to getting your natural tooth back.

Dental Bridges



A dental bridge is used when one or more teeth are missing in a row. It works by attaching an artificial tooth (or teeth) to the natural teeth on either side of the gap.

What to expect

The teeth on both sides of the missing tooth are reshaped so the bridge can be bonded to them. The result is a strong, fixed solution that fills the space and restores your ability to chew.

Pros

- Bridges are secure and do not come in and out like dentures.
- They look very natural and blend in with your smile.
- They are typically more affordable than implants.

Cons

- The healthy teeth next to the gap must be filed down, which permanently alters them.
- Bridges do not replace the tooth root, so bone loss in the jaw still occurs.
- Over time, the supporting teeth may weaken under the added pressure.

> Bridges are a strong option when implants are not possible, but they do sacrifice otherwise healthy teeth.

Traditional Dentures



Dentures have been around for a very long time, and they are still a common choice for replacing many or all missing teeth. These are removable sets of teeth that sit on top of your gums.

What to expect

Dentures are custom-made to fit your mouth and give you a natural appearance. They are taken out at night for cleaning and can be adjusted if your gums and bone change over time.

Pros

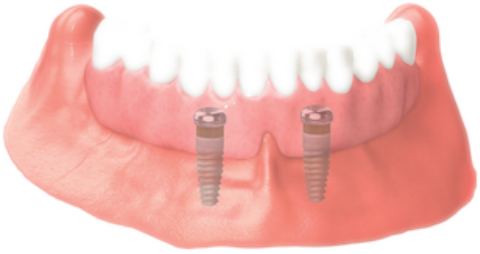
- Dentures are usually the most affordable option.
- They don't require surgery.
- They can be made fairly quickly.

Cons

- Dentures can slip or move while you eat or talk.
- Many people find it difficult to eat tougher foods like steak, apples, or corn on the cob.
- They may feel bulky or uncomfortable at times.
- Over time, bone loss continues, which can cause dentures to fit poorly and require frequent adjustments.

> Dentures can be a good starting point for some patients, but most people eventually want something more stable and comfortable.

Snap-In Dentures



For many patients, snap-in dentures offer the best of both worlds. Instead of resting on your gums like traditional dentures, these dentures are held in place by two or more small implants.

What to expect

A few implants are placed in the jaw, and once healed, your denture is made to attach securely to them. The denture still comes out at night, but during the day it stays in place far better than traditional dentures.

Pros

- More stable than regular dentures, so you can eat and speak with more confidence.
- Usually more affordable than a full set of implants.
- Easy to remove and clean.

Cons

- Still a removable option, which means they won't feel as natural as fixed teeth.
- Some bone loss can still occur, though much less than with traditional dentures.

> Snap-in dentures give you more comfort and stability than traditional dentures, while still being a budget-friendly alternative to full implants.

Teeth in a Day (All-on-4 Implants)



For patients missing most or all of their teeth, Teeth in a Day, also called All-on-4 implants, is often life-changing. Instead of replacing each tooth with a single implant, four carefully placed implants can hold a full arch of teeth.

What to expect

During the procedure, four implants are placed in precise positions in the upper or lower jaw. A full set of teeth is then attached to the implants, often on the same day. You leave the office with a complete smile instead of waiting months for results.

Pros

- Provides a secure, fixed solution that doesn't come in and out.
- Looks and feels natural, giving you back full chewing ability.
- Often completed in one day, so you see immediate results.
- Prevents slipping, rubbing, or sore spots that come with traditional dentures.

Cons

- Not everyone is a candidate, so a full evaluation is needed.
- The cost is higher than removable dentures, but it is much more stable and long-lasting.

> Patients who choose Teeth in a Day often say it gave them their life back and many wish they had done it sooner.

Before and Afters

The change is more than just a new smile. Replacing missing teeth can transform the way you look, the way you feel, and the way you live every day. Patients often tell us they feel younger, healthier, and more confident once they can eat comfortably, speak clearly, and smile without hesitation.











What to Expect with Dental Implants

The process of getting dental implants is designed to be simple and comfortable.



1

Consultation and Planning

We take X-rays and 3D scans and design a plan that fits your needs.

2

Implant Placement

The implants are gently placed in the jaw with precision.

3

Healing and Temporary Teeth

As your bone bonds with the implant, temporary teeth can often be placed right away.

4

Final Restoration

Once healing is complete, we attach your permanent teeth and you leave with a strong, natural-looking smile.

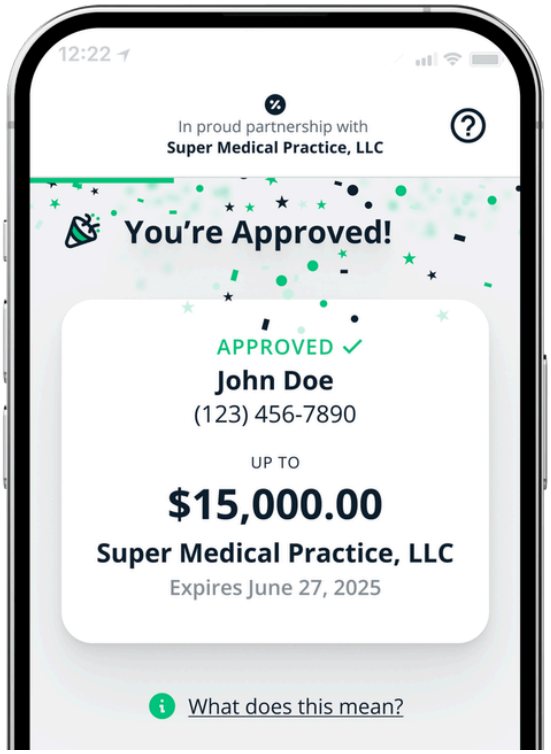
Cost, Insurance, and Financing

Tooth replacement is an investment in your health and your confidence. While insurance coverage varies, many plans will help cover part of the cost.

At Hixson Dental Group, we offer flexible financing, including monthly payment options through Cherry. This allows you to get the care you need without putting too much strain on your budget.

Cherry

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  Apply in just minutes, right from your phone.
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Why Choose Hixson Dental Group?



At Hixson Dental Group we focus on your whole smile and long-term health, not just completing a procedure and sending you on your way. Whether you need a single tooth replaced, a bridge, a set of dentures, or a full arch of implants, we walk with you every step of the journey.

Here's how we stand apart:

- **Complete Care Under One Roof:** Many offices only provide one piece of treatment, which forces you to bounce between specialists. At Hixson Dental Group, we can take care of nearly everything right here. That means your consultation, your treatment, and your follow-up are all handled by the same trusted team.
- **A Relationship, Not Just a Procedure:** You are not just "a case" to us. We take time to listen to your goals and concerns, and we continue to be here for you long after your treatment is complete. Our goal is to help you enjoy a healthy smile for life, not just fix one issue and move on.
- **Options That Fit Your Needs:** Every patient is different. Some want the most advanced solution, like All-on-4 implants, while others may prefer dentures or a bridge. We offer the full range of treatments and work with you to choose what makes sense for your health, your lifestyle, and your budget.

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Missing teeth can make life harder than it should be, whether it's avoiding certain foods, feeling self-conscious about your smile, or simply not enjoying life the way you deserve. The truth is, you don't have to live like that. Modern dentistry gives us solutions that can look and feel completely natural.

If you are ready to explore your options, I would be honored to meet you. At Hixson Dental Group, our team will listen to your story, answer your questions, and help you find a treatment plan that feels right for you. There is no pressure, just a genuine conversation about what's possible for your health and your smile.

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