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## Q&A Dental Implants



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*1-Dr. Durham, I have an old bridge that keeps breaking, are there any other options?*

Yes. Dental implants can replace one or more missing teeth, and can also be used to anchor your bridge.

*2-Does it work with dentures too?*

Just as with anchoring a bridge, dental implants can be used to anchor dentures as well. The placement of implants for a bridge or dentures will also provide for a more comfortable and solid fit.

*3-How long is the procedure to put in the implant?*

With mini-implants, the procedure takes about an hour and generally only requires local anesthetic.

*4-Mini-implants? How are they different from regular ones?*

Unlike two-stage traditional implants, mini-implants consist of very small titanium posts and are placed in one visit, unlike two-stage traditional implants.

Mini-implants, costing considerably less, are also a cost-effective alternative to traditional implants.

*5-How long is the healing process afterwards?*

Healing time is always determined on a patient by patient basis. As mini-implants don't usually require any surgery or incision, they generally do not require months to heal.