



Reclaim Your Smile

YOUR GUIDE TO
DENTAL IMPLANT TREATMENT



Welcome to West End Dental

Our aim is to help patients reclaim their smile. In this guide, we will provide you with everything you need to make an informed decision about undertaking dental implant treatments.

West End Dental is a leading, independent provider of dental implant treatments with locations in Colwyn Bay, Porthmadog and Llangefni. All of our clinics combine deep expertise and experience in providing dental implant treatment with the very highest standards of clinical facilities.

Our dedicated dental implant team offer a full spectrum of dental implant treatments – ranging from single tooth replacement to full arch (jaw) reconstructions. Our service is comprehensive, ensuring all of the care and facilities you require can be offered by us.

When it comes to addressing dental concerns such as missing teeth or loose and uncomfortable dentures, we offer a variety of treatments to suit your clinical requirements and your budget.

This guide will explain to you the journey you are about to go on, helping you to determine the treatment that is best for you and to fully understand the process, including what to expect before, during and after treatment.

To help answer questions and start your journey our Patient Liaison team are available for free online consultations, which you can book at www.westend.dental/appointments. Alternatively, you can call us on **0808 164 1003**.

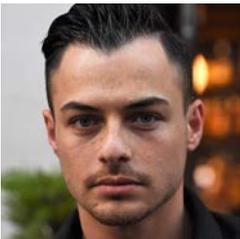
Everyone at West End Dental thoroughly enjoys providing high quality patient care for every single patient in our clinics. You can find out more about how previous patients have found treatment via our online five star Google reviews; just search 'West End Dental' to find out more.

We hope you find this guide informative and useful.

Treatment Profiles



George is 66 year old retired pilot living in Wrexham, who has lost all of his upper teeth. He has worn an upper denture for several years but despite advanced materials and frequent adjustments he finds them uncomfortable to wear, particularly whilst eating. He could benefit from implant retained dentures, using dental implants to prevent uncomfortable movement.



Huw is 26 year old graphic designer based in Anglesey. He recently lost one of his front teeth in a rugby accident. He's worried about wearing a denture, and wants a permanent replacement. He could benefit from a single implant treatment to replace his lost tooth.



Deepa is 38 year old studying for her PhD at Bangor University. She has suffered from poor oral health over a number of years, and has lost a few single teeth as well as three neighbouring teeth in her lower jaw. Deepa has noticed her remaining teeth are moving and sometimes struggles to eat. She could benefit from combinations of single implant tooth replacements and implant retained bridges.



Jennifer, 52, works front of house for an up-market hotel chain in Chester. Over time she has lost a number of teeth, and is worried about the poor health of her remaining teeth. She wants to rebuild her smile but is adamant that dentures aren't for her. Jennifer could benefit from full arch (jaw) reconstructions to provide complete replacement teeth.



What are dental implants?

Dental implants are medical devices made from pure titanium. They are placed into bone in your jaw to mimic the 'root' of your teeth, providing support for artificial crowns that look and function almost as well as your natural teeth. They are the closest possible replacement for natural teeth.

Treatments for every scenario

Whenever you are looking to replace missing teeth or an uncomfortable denture, there are a number of dental implant treatment options available.

Single Tooth Replacement

A single missing tooth can be replaced by a single dental implant. The treatment involves placing an artificial tooth into the gap, supported by a dental implant placed in the underlying bone.

The cosmetic result is often excellent, and allows patients to chew food with confidence.

Where there are a small number of missing teeth, a single implant can be used for each missing tooth to provide superior strength and rigidity.

For larger spaces, an implant supported bridge may be recommended.

Implant Retained Bridge

A bridge is a dental treatment consisting of several artificial teeth joined together.

An implant retained bridge uses dental implants to secure the bridge in place, compared to a standard bridge that uses neighbouring teeth.

Replacing A Full Arch of Teeth

If you are missing all of your teeth in an arch (e.g. your upper or lower jaw) or it is most appropriate to remove any remaining teeth due to damage or decay, dental implants can be used to provide replacements.

IMPLANT RETAINED DENTURES

One option is to use an implant retained denture, or 'over-denture'. Although the construction is similar to a conventional denture, an over-denture has the added advantage of being held in place (retained) by dental implants. An over-denture is removable, but because it is supported by dental implants it offers much greater stability and strength.

FULL ARCH RECONSTRUCTION

The other option is to replace all of your teeth with a fixed, full arch reconstruction. This treatment is the closest replacement for natural teeth. Being fixed, they can only be removed by a dental professional.



Frequently Asked Questions

Am I a candidate for treatment?

Whether you are suitable for treatment depends on an examination and discussion, but generally if you have good health, you will be suitable.

How long do dental implants last?

Once your implants have been successfully placed their longevity will depend to a significant degree on the quality of after care and the efforts made at home to maintain them. It is important for implant patients to regularly attend review appointments with the dental implant team to ensure any problems can be identified quickly. Well maintained implants placed into adequate bone can be expected to last for many years and possibly a lifetime.

How long does treatment take?

This will depend on the complexity of treatment, such as the number of implants required, and the amount of treatment required before placement. For routine cases, treatment times can vary from a day to six months.

Can I wear teeth during the course of implant treatment?

In short, yes. There are a number of ways to achieve a reasonable cosmetic appearance during the course of implant treatment, ranging from simple plastic dentures to removable bridges.

Do implants fail?

As with all medical treatments, dental implants can fail but this is relatively rare. An implant which has failed will be removed,

the tissues allowed to heal over and then replaced with another implant in the same or a different location. On other occasions, different treatment may be required. In any case, normally the failed implant will not cause any discomfort and can easily be removed.

Does it hurt?

Dental implant treatment is relatively straightforward and can usually be done under local anaesthetic. You may experience a little discomfort. In general, most patients report that treatment was much less painful or uncomfortable than expected.

For those who are particularly anxious, we can offer a range of sedation options.

How much does it cost?

You will find a variety of treatment options available online for implants, but take care and examine each option very carefully. There are many aspects of dental implant treatment to consider, from the training and experience of the surgeons and restorative team to the quality of the laboratory work and technicians.

Most importantly, there are few implant systems which have the detailed and extensive research showing that they will last the test of time.

Our patients can be assured of fixed, transparent fees provided up-front in writing, before any charges are incurred. And with 0% APR interest-free finance available, many patients find dental implant treatment an affordable option.

Some thoughts from our patients

First time for me using West End Dental Practice, and I have to say I am impressed with the treatment and service I've been given to date. I am having implants and Dr Trevor Ferguson has been excellent. He has been very informative throughout, very clear in communicating my treatment plan. It's early days but the treatment so far is absolutely superb and I'm confident of a very pleasing outcome and something nice to smile about!

Denise Crittenden



I was apprehensive about treatment but on arrival I had a nice welcome and the room had been sterilized and ready for treatment. During the procedure I felt no pain and was totally comfortable. I took painkillers as a precaution that evening and the next morning I went to the gym, followed by work and carried on with my day as normal, pain free and comfortable. Anyone that's contemplating dental implant treatment with Dr Trevor Ferguson, go ahead I highly recommend him.

Fiona Wiltshire



Dr Gibson and his team have a highly professional and caring approach to their patients. The treatment provided has been first class and everything was explained clearly to me. I would not go anywhere else and highly recommend them.

Julia Baxter



Professionalism personified. A huge thanx to Dr. Ferguson and all the staff and especially Dr. Moreno. All stages of the procedures were carefully and caringly explained and the end result is nothing short of amazing.

Paul Burrows







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