

Missing Teeth: Your Options for Tooth Replacement in Melbourne

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Losing a tooth as an adult is more common than most people expect. At Smile Solutions, the team knows that tooth loss, whether from decay, gum disease, injury, or extraction, affects far more than your appearance. Gaps in your smile can make chewing uncomfortable, cause neighbouring teeth to drift out of alignment, accelerate bone loss in the jaw, and quietly chip away at your confidence. The good news is that several effective replacement options exist, and with the right treatment plan, restoring your smile is well within reach.

Dental implants

Dental implants are widely regarded as the gold standard in tooth replacement, and the reasons are straightforward. Each implant is a small titanium post surgically placed into the jawbone by our experienced specialists. Over weeks to months, it fuses with the surrounding bone through a process called osseointegration. Once that integration is complete, a custom ceramic crown is attached, creating a replacement tooth that looks, feels, and functions like the real thing.

The clinical advantages go well beyond appearance. Because implants replicate the stimulation a natural tooth root provides, they actively preserve jawbone density, something no other replacement option does as effectively. They also stand independently, so adjacent teeth need no modification or use as anchors. With proper care and regular dental visits, a well-placed implant can last a lifetime, making it one of the better long-term investments you can make in your oral health.

Single implants work well for individual teeth, while multiple implants placed strategically can support fixed bridges across several consecutive gaps. For patients who have lost most or all of their teeth, implant-supported solutions offer a permanent, stable alternative to conventional removable dentures.

All-on-4 tooth replacement

All-on-4 has changed what full-arch tooth replacement looks like for a lot of patients. Using just four implants per arch, a complete set of fixed, non-removable teeth can be supported with real stability. The two rear implants are angled deliberately to maximise contact with available bone, which often means bone grafting isn't necessary, removing a step that would otherwise add time and complexity to treatment.

In many cases, the whole process happens in a single day. You arrive with failing or missing teeth and leave with a full set of functional, natural-looking teeth. Patients consistently describe the outcome as life-changing, and it's easy to understand why: being able to eat normally, speak clearly, and smile

without hesitation, all restored in one visit, is a significant shift. Our oral surgery team and state-of-the-art facilities make that kind of coordinated, single-day treatment possible.

Smile Solutions offers free All-on-4 consultations, so you can find out whether this approach suits your situation without any obligation or pressure.

Dental bridges

A dental bridge is a well-established solution for replacing one or more missing teeth. It works by anchoring an artificial tooth, or a series of them, to the natural teeth on either side of the gap. Those anchor teeth are prepared to receive crowns, which connect to the replacement teeth within a single fixed structure.

Bridges are a particularly practical choice when the anchor teeth already carry large restorations or existing crowns, since the added protection of a crown can be genuinely useful in those cases. Our ceramists craft modern ceramic bridges with close attention to shade, shape, and translucency, so the result sits naturally alongside your surrounding teeth.

Dentures

For patients missing multiple teeth or a full arch, removable dentures are still a solid option, and today's versions are a long way from the ill-fitting appliances of earlier decades. Contemporary dentures use high-quality materials that closely replicate the look of natural teeth and gums, with a fit that reflects the skill of the specialists making them.

Partial dentures replace some missing teeth and are held in place by clasps that attach to your remaining natural teeth. Full dentures replace an entire arch and are shaped to rest comfortably on the gums and underlying bone. For patients who find conventional dentures unstable or uncomfortable, implant-retained dentures are worth considering. Two or more implants clip the denture firmly into position, which makes a noticeable difference to both stability and day-to-day comfort.

Our team takes a careful, unhurried approach to denture fitting, making sure the process is comfortable and that the final result works well for you in both function and appearance.

Meet the oral surgery team

Tooth replacement procedures involving implants and oral surgery at Smile Solutions are performed by experienced specialists who combine clinical skill with a genuinely patient-focused approach.

Mr Ricky Kumar is a specialist oral and maxillofacial surgeon with broad expertise across dental implant placement, complex extractions, bone grafting, and All-on-4 procedures. Dr Patrishia Bordbar is an oral surgeon specialising in implant surgery, known for her precise technique and her careful, considerate manner with patients.

Both surgeons work closely with the wider Smile Solutions team, including prosthodontists, ceramists, and general dentists, so every stage of your treatment is coordinated and consistent. From your first consultation through to surgical placement and final restoration, you're supported by a team of over 80 specialists, dentists, and hygienists working towards the same goal.

Take the first step

Smile Solutions is at 220 Collins Street in Melbourne's CBD. The team of over 80 specialists, dentists, and hygienists holds a 4.9-star patient rating, which reflects the standard of care and attention patients receive throughout their treatment.

Free consultations are available, including complimentary All-on-4 assessments, so you can ask questions and explore your options with an experienced specialist in a relaxed setting. Call **13 13 96** to book your appointment and find out which tooth replacement solution makes the most sense for you.

