

# Your New Smile: Options at a Glance

While there is no doubt that dental implants are one of the best solutions to replace missing or damaged teeth, there are many different types of implant procedures offered and prices can vary widely based on your unique requirements. This quick reference guide is designed to give you a basic understanding of the most common restorations available to you.



## Conventional Dentures or “False Teeth”

Dentures are removable prosthetic devices that act as a set of teeth. Dentures rely on adhesive to keep them sealed to your upper and lower gums. They do not function or feel like real teeth, and you have to replace them every five to eight years. This is not an ideal long-term solution as the lack of dental stimulation (from implants or your teeth) leads to bone loss and other health complications.

**Timeframe:** Minimum of 4 visits; 3-6 weeks.

**Value Rating:** ★



## Locator Supported Overdentures or “Snap-on Dentures”

Unlike conventional dentures, implant supported overdentures attach to the jawbone using 2-4 dental implants. The process of creating these dentures is similar to that of a conventional denture but requires surgery and healing time before receiving your final prosthesis. When finished, these dentures “snap” onto the locator attachments on your implants instead of needing to use adhesive. Overdentures require removing nightly for cleaning and although the implants do help your jaw’s overall health the prosthesis itself is not as secure in the mouth as a more fixed solution.

**Timeframe:** 3–4-month process that usually requires multiple visits.

**Value Rating:** ★★



## Implant Supported Bar Overdenture or “Hader Bar”

This dental treatment requires the placement of at least 4 dental implants and the attachment of a customized bar. This bar provides rigid support and by using a series of clips, the dentures fit over the top of the bar. The healing process is 3-4 months after surgery requiring the use of a temporary conventional denture. Once healing is complete, the denture will be fabricated to fit over the framework and is held in place. The denture itself is still made from acrylic meaning it will need to be removed overnight for cleaning and is prone to the same wear as above.

**Timeframe:** 3–5-month process that requires multiple visits to the office.

**Value Rating:** ★★★



## Implant Supported Hybrid Prosthesis or “All-on-Four”

The All-on-Four procedure is a technique that anchors a screw retained, acrylic denture to 4 dental implants, providing an entire set of upper or lower teeth. The same day the implants are placed you will receive either a conventional or screw retained temporary denture while healing, based on the treatment plan. Like the previous examples, over time this prosthesis will need replacing as it will chip, stain, and wear. Due to the limits of using only 4 dental implants, often the prosthesis is designed with less teeth in the back that may affect chewing and there is the potential for bone loss over time since the entire jawbone is not being stimulated.

**Timeframe:** 3–6-month process that requires several visits to the office.

**Value Rating:** ★★★★



## Prettau® Zirconia Implant Supported Bridge

The Prettau® Zirconia Implant Bridge is attached to 5-6 dental implants in a similar fashion to the “All-on-Four” technique, giving you a restoration that functions and feels like your natural teeth. Prettau® Zirconia bridges are superior in strength and will not stain, chip, or break. This prosthesis is customized to you and is designed to last a lifetime! Using CAD/CAM technology, we custom create the size, shape, and appearance of your new smile. The Prettau® Zirconia Bridge is the only final restoration backed by multiple studies showing 99+% in-service success rates.

**Timeframe:** 3–6-month process that requires several visits to the office.

**Value Rating:** ★★★★★

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