

Patient Implant News

“It was so stress free and pain free I couldn't believe it.”

Juliette, GP, Hove

Watch Juliette's testimonial video at www.theimplantcentre.com/juliette



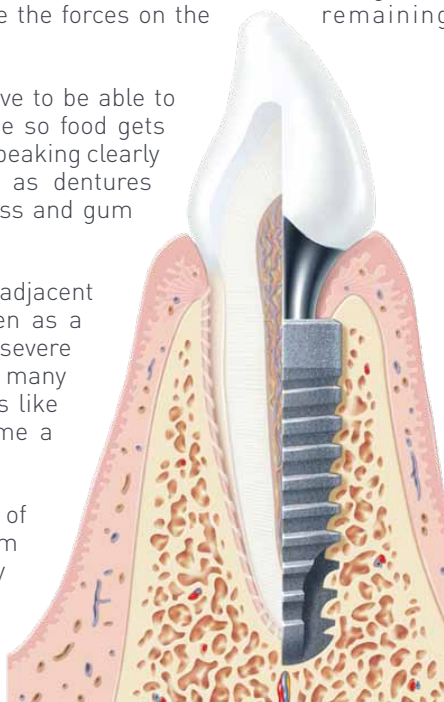
Part 1

The choice is clear

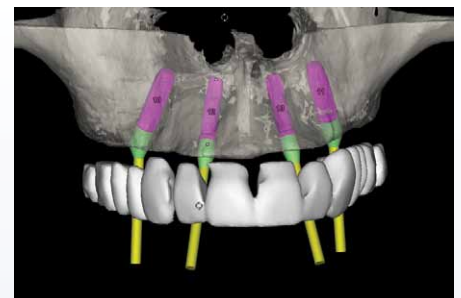
Implants are viewed as the only long term solution for filling a gap, or replacing a failing crown or bridge. They will last a lifetime if well maintained and the surgery is carried out with the skill and care of the dental surgeons at The Implant Centre. However it is still important to know what the alternatives are and what are the drawbacks.

- You can do nothing and have a gap. This isn't really an option at the front of your mouth but it might be considered further back to avoid the damaging effects of a bridge on the adjacent teeth. We certainly feel this should be considered as a safer option than bridges in many cases. Of course a lack of chewing teeth at the back of the mouth will increase the forces on the remaining teeth, so shortening their lifespan.
- You can wear dentures, but as you have to be able to remove them, they are generally loose so food gets stuck underneath. They can stop you speaking clearly or smiling confidently. Additionally, as dentures rest on the gums, they cause bone loss and gum recession.
- You can have a bridge made from the adjacent teeth – this rapid option is often seen as a long term solution, but unfortunately severe damage to adjacent teeth can cause many problems in a short time. What looks like an initial cost saving can soon become a very bad investment.

Remember, implants can be used in a range of situations within the mouth. This can be from replacing a single tooth, to replacing many teeth and even securing loose dentures. They will provide excellent appearance, stability, security and comfort as they become part of you.



3D Imaging for accuracy
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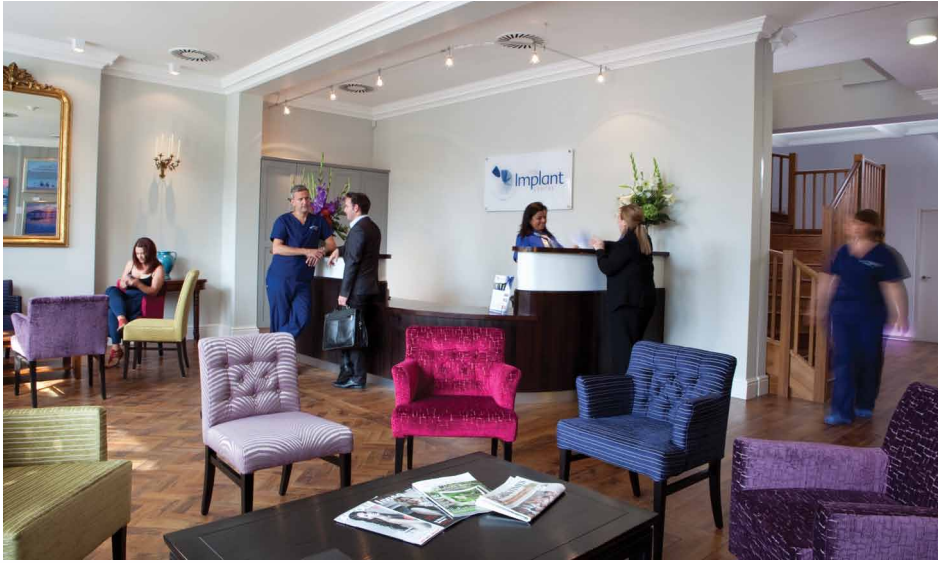
Can you spot the implant?



Answer on the back page

Why choose The Implant Centre?

Dental implants can seem expensive - although the great majority of our patients say that it has been money very well spent. Here we explore what is involved and answer some of the questions you might ask if you are looking around to find real value for money.



How many implants do you place?

We are currently averaging 1,200 per year and the number is increasing all the time. In fact, we've been told we are the busiest clinic in the country.



How well trained are you?

Exceptionally! All our surgeons are qualified dentists and doctors - this is unique in the UK. They are nominated mentors which means they teach and train other dentists and surgeons to carry out implants both in the UK and internationally. See our website for full details on all the team members and video biographies.



Do they ever fail?

Is a perfectly fair question and the reader will be impressed at TIC's courage in asking it. We would phrase the reply as 'Extremely rarely. Our audited success rate exceeds 99%'.



How much does it cost if an implant fails?

Nothing! On the very rare occasions when this has happened, we have always offered a full refund of the patient's money. However everyone has accepted that implant rejections can happen and they have wanted to try again - a second failure is exceptionally unusual.



Are implants a cure for most dental issues?

If teeth can't be saved for the long term then yes! They are an end to the troubles of tooth decay, difficult root canal treatments, crowns that drop out and loose dentures. We will make sure that your mouth is healthy enough to have implants, and check your medical health is suitable. As all of our surgeons are medically qualified they are in a perfect position to do this.



What about the cost?

We do not use cut price implants or cut corners to save money. We only ever prescribe treatment that is necessary and it is up to each individual to decide if the often huge improvement in their quality of life represents value for money. We are proud to say that a glance at the testimonials on our website will show you what the vast majority of our patients think.

Implant Maintenance and follow up care

It is important to keep your implants as clean as possible and you will be given advice regarding this. All you have to do is standard electric tooth brushing and ideally floss plus the use of interdental brushes a few times a week. No different to the rest of your teeth which will also benefit from similar care!

We keep a very close eye on the implants we place as we feel long term care is so important. This will involve detailed examination, small ultra-low dose x-rays, photographs and assessing the way the teeth bite together. This way we can ensure that you have healthy implants for life. You can cover all of the costs for this on The Implant Care Plan.

It is very important to continue to have your other teeth checked with your own dentist as infections elsewhere in the mouth, especially with gum disease, can cause problems with the implants.

It is important to visit your hygienist once a year, or at least as frequently as your dentist suggests. It will help to ensure that you know how to clean and maintain your implants and other teeth.

Fast track to dental happiness - instant implants, instant teeth!

In those cases where we can fabricate the teeth in advance of surgery, it can be possible to fix the teeth to the implants on the day that they are placed. No waiting, no wondering, just perfect dental happiness. But even if that's not possible, we'll ensure that you'll never leave the surgery with an unsightly, embarrassing gap in your teeth.

Special offer
FREE
consultation
with one of our specialist
implant coordinators

“ Since having the implants, chewing has been the best benefit. I’m no longer last at the dinner table and it’s great to be able to chew on both sides of the mouth again.”

Jan, Carpenter, Hove

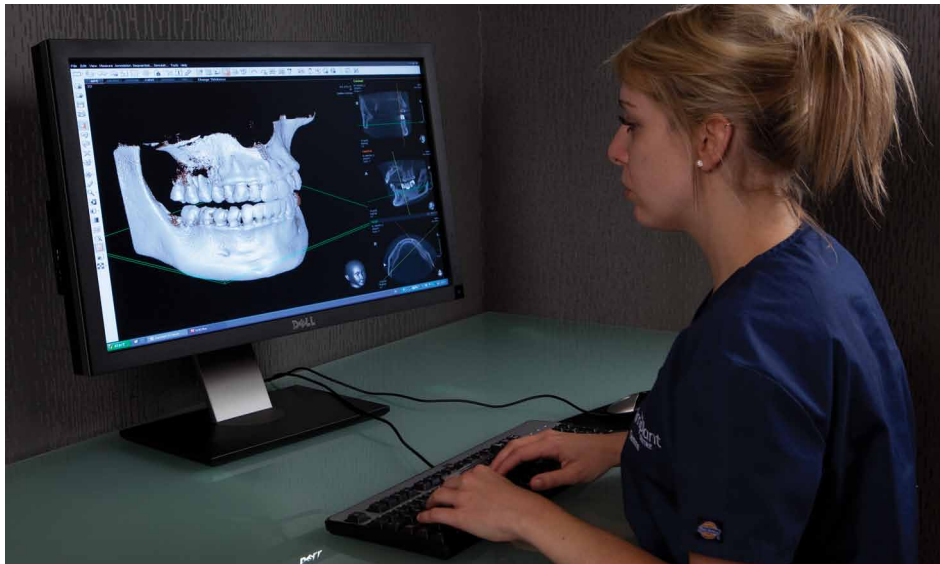
Watch Jan’s testimonial video at www.theimplantcentre.com/jan



Jan had lost all his chewing teeth on the top left side and was finding eating on the right side only very irritating. He had asked in a clinic while overseas about the option of having implants but had been told that there was not enough bone so would need ‘major bone grafting’ and was understandably very worried about this so did not go ahead. While he wanted to replace these teeth

he was not prepared to go through the grafting and was especially concerned about this being carried out in another country where he was less sure about the training of the surgeons and understood there was no possibility of any back up should there be any of the complications that can be common in major grafting.

Advanced 3D Imaging and Computer Guided Dental Implant Surgery



Both of our state-of-the-art facilities are specifically designed and equipped with some of the most advanced technology available in the UK.

3D digital imaging is imperative for dental implant treatment to ensure accurate planning, safe surgery and ultimately perfect results.

Implant surgery, as with any medical or dental intervention, requires careful planning to ensure no inadvertent damage is caused. 3D imaging allows us to look at your jaw bone from all angles on a computer screen and assess very carefully what surgical options are available to you.

This imaging also allows us to offer computer guided surgery and the manufacture of bespoke models and surgical guides for precision surgery and the safety of avoiding any nerves or blood vessels.

We will be delighted to demonstrate this equipment to you and show exactly what advantages this safe, affordable and non-invasive imaging technique has over normal dental x-rays.



Assessment and Treatment

Jan was so reassured by the team at The Implant Centre he immediately moved forward with treatment. He said ‘I was so pleased to hear that they are some of the pioneers of the use of shorter implants in the world so I did not need any additional bone’. The treatment was kept as simple as possible with 2 implants being placed at one appointment in a short session with standard dental local anaesthetics. As all the surgery was carried out at this first appointment – all the subsequent stages were done without even having to have any more injections.

Simple impressions of the implants allowed the laboratory to manufacture 2 perfect screw retained crowns that are so secure and solid that they will never come loose. Jan could then eat comfortably on both sides of his mouth. This not only reduces the wear and tear on the other teeth that were being stressed but also the new implants stop any untoward movement of the other teeth which can occur where gaps are left.

Result

The simplicity of treatment makes Jan wish he had come into the clinic a long time ago. He now has all of his teeth to chew whatever he enjoys without having to favour one side of his mouth. ‘I could feel my jaw aching after meals when eating on one side and I can’t believe this was is good for my joints long term’.



Ask a surgeon a question

Have a question relating to dental implants?

visit www.theimplantcentre.com/question to see if your question has already been asked. If not fill out the simple form and one of our surgeons will aim to respond to you within 24 hours.

Meet the team

In every newsletter we introduce you to some of the outstanding professionals who make up The Implant Centre team.



Bill Schaeffer - Implant Surgeon BDS MBBS FDS RCS (Eng) MRCS (Eng)

Bill Schaeffer, one of the founders of The Implant Centre, is a dentist, a medical doctor, a qualified surgeon and a registered Specialist Oral Surgeon. He is one of the most experienced implantologists in the UK and has pioneered techniques now used throughout the world. Bill places more than 500 implants each year with a success rate of over 99% and as an experienced lecturer, he is regularly invited to speak on the very latest aspects of dental implants. In his spare time he likes to skydive, ski, snowboard and mountain bike and he's now learning how to ride a horse and paraglide. Watch Bill's video bio at www.theimplantcentre.com/bill



Dr Andrea Wraith - Sedationist BDS, BA, MB BChir, MmedSci

Andrea Wraith has degrees in dentistry and medicine as well as an MSc in Dental Anaesthesia. She is the editor of an international journal on anxiety and pain control in dentistry; is a council Member of the Society for the Advancement of Anaesthesia in Dentistry UK and is the European representative to the International Federation of Dental Anaesthesiology Societies. In the past Andrea fenced for the UK at international level and currently enjoys running mountain marathons. Watch Andrea's video bio at www.theimplantcentre.com/andrea

Rest assured

Did you know that we are the only implant centre in the UK offering a 10 year security plan for dental implants? The Implant Care Plan costs as little as £7 a month for a single implant and it includes free replacement, or a full refund for events including, failure to integrate, late failure and breakages even if they are caused accidentally.

The plan includes the costs of a review of your implants, using photos and x-rays 6 months after your treatment is completed and once a year after that. And of course if any work is required, the costs are fully covered by the Implant Care Plan.

Can you spot the implant?



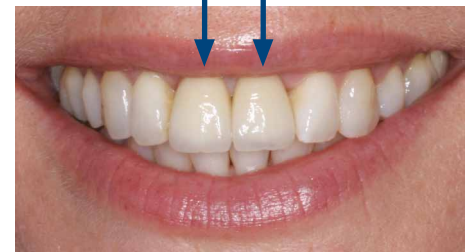
Before treatment

Claire, a 44 year old lady, presented with two failing and unsightly upper central incisor teeth.



Temporary crowns removed

These were carefully removed and the area allowed to heal naturally for 8 weeks during which time she had temporary stick-on bridges so never had to struggle with a denture or a gap. The bridges helped support and preserve the gum line during healing before the implants were placed and the bridges refitted. Once stabilised after 8 weeks the new implant crowns were made to a far better size and shape to suit her other teeth.



After treatment

Please get in touch

We look forward to helping you and the sooner you contact us, the sooner we can start. Find out about a new you; a new smile and a brighter dental future. Call today.

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