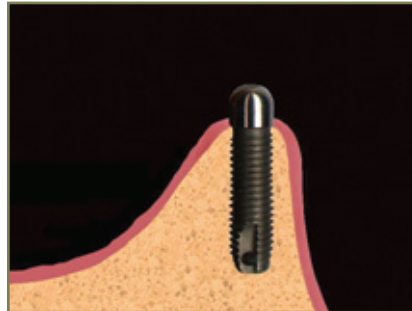


# Implant Bridge

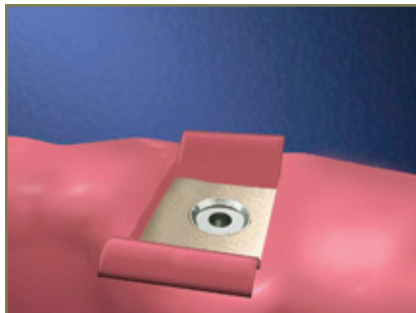
Restoring your mouth with implants and a dental bridge is accomplished in two phases. The first phase of the procedure is the surgical placement of the implants. They're under the gums for several months while the bone attaches to them. After healing, the second phase begins. The implants are re-exposed, and your new teeth are made.



*Implant with extension*



*Bridge is placed*



*Implant in place*

## The first phase

For the surgical placement of the implants, your mouth will be thoroughly numbed. Incisions are made in your gums, and channels are made in the bone to receive the implants. After the implants are snugly in place, the gums are closed over each implant with a stitch or two. Over the course of the next few months, the implants become securely attached to the bone.

## The second phase

The second phase starts with surgical exposure of the implants. Incisions are made in your gums and small extensions are placed to bring them above the gumline. We then start a series of appointments to make your new bridge. Though some of the steps might be different in your case, they usually include making impressions of your mouth. From these impressions, we make precise working models of your mouth, which are carefully mounted for proper alignment. It's on these models that your bridge is fabricated.

The last step is the placement of the bridge. The success of your implants then depends on your care of the implants at home, and our support through regular checkups and cleanings here in our office.