

	Fixed Bridge	Removable Bridge	Complete Denture	Implants
Treatment Time	2-4 weeks	2-4 Office Visits	2-5 Office Visits	Surgical Placement: about 1 hour per implant Healing: about 3 months in lower jaw and 6 months in upper jaw Second Surgery(if needed): 30-60 minutes
Maintenance	Clean Daily under the bridge with floss threaders	Conventional: Remove and clean after eating. Precision-attachment: Clean and adjust regularly.	Clean after meals to remove and prevent stains on denture.	Floss and perform home care daily. Have a restorative exam every 3-4 months.
Results	Esthetic tooth replacement.	Conventional: Least expensive way to replace missing teeth. Precision-attachment: More esthetic than a conventional removable bridge.	Esthetically pleasing results are possible.	Natural appearance possible. Good individual functioning.
Treatment Longevity	Conventional and Cantilever: 5-15 years Resin Bonded: 5-10 years	5-10 years	5-10 years; tooth fracture may occur (but is easy to repair) and relining may be necessary at this time.	For the implant, indefinite if no infection. For crown portion, 5-15 years
Cost	Conventional	Conventional:	\$525 to \$5000	\$975-\$2800

	and cantilever: \$950-\$3500 per tooth Resin Bonded: \$650-\$2500 per tooth	\$850-\$3500 per tooth depending on the design and materials used. Precision- attachment: \$950-\$5000 per tooth	per denture. Expect to pay 2-3 times this amount for “cosmetic dentures”.	per implant (plus additional cost of crowns).
Advantages	Feels more like natural teeth. Can be most esthetic. Helps prevent movement of adjacent teeth. Improves the bite. Resin-bonded: Avoids reduction of adjacent teeth.	Economical method of tooth replacement. Easy to repair.	Excellent esthetics possible. More youthful appearance obtainable. Supports lips and cheeks. Can improve speech.	Most closely approximates having your own natural teeth. Avoid reduction of adjacent teeth. Can be flossed like natural teeth. Help preserve bone. Have approximately 95% success rate over 40 year lifespan of implant.
Disadvantages	If one of the attached teeth fails, the entire bridge fails. May be difficult to repair if the porcelain chips or fractures. Requires an anesthetic.	Can caused wear and trauma to attached teeth. May not be as esthetic as a fixed bridge. Precision attachment: Attachments can break or wear.	Less chewing efficiency. Retention may be a problem. Needs maintenance. May need to be replaced every 5-10 years. May impede speech in some instances.	3-7% failure rate. Ceramic implants can fracture. Abutment screws can loosen or break. Requires an anesthetic.