
 **Natural Teeth**

- Periodontal ligament supports the root of the tooth to absorb external impact and allow natural movement.
- Nerve fibers allow tactile sensations of pressure and movement.
- Damaged bones are capable of repairing itself. Since the teeth can move, a new point of balance will be found between forces acting on them.

 **Implants**

- Dental implants are artificial tooth roots that is submerged into the jaw bone to provide a foundation for replacement teeth that look and function like natural teeth.
- If there is insufficient bone for attachment, the patient's bone or an artificial bone must be grafted.

Implants may not completely replace natural teeth, but are the best alternative for treatment available today. But even implants may result in the bones becoming weak, or causing abnormal sensations, from improper surgical procedures, so a dentist's knowledge, experience and skill is preferable to selecting a provider based on cost alone.

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