

Dental Implants

The loss or absence of teeth, be it through dental disease, an accident or a congenital defect, not only affects appearance and confidence, it can also hinder speech and the ability to eat and enjoy food.

For almost 40 years, dental implants have offered a scientifically proven means of replacing one or more missing teeth or to anchor dentures securely. Replacing teeth with implants have several major advantages over traditional methods:

- implants look, feel and function like natural teeth
- the procedure does not require adjacent teeth to be 'cut back'
- the implant replaces the tooth root which preserves the bone
- they prevent bone collapse and provide better long term aesthetics

Single tooth

An implant provides an excellent way, both aesthetically and functionally, of closing the gap created by the loss of a single tooth.

Large gaps

In these cases too, implants provide an ideal alternative to conventional methods. The implants serve as additional supporting abutments for carrying a bridge.

Toothless jaws or failing dentitions

If no teeth are left, or a dentition is failing from perio or caries, implants can be utilised in different ways. They are often used as rigid supports for removable dentures, which are lightweight and completely stable. Alternatively, up to 12 implants can be placed, on to which a permanent bridge is attached or the **All on 4**[®] technique can give a fixed solution upon 4 implants commonly without any bone grafting.

Referring your patients for dental implants



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At Bluebell Dental Practice & Clinic we offer a full dental implant referral service including treatment planning and advice, implant placement and bone grafting.

Referring your patients for dental implants

- Does your practice refer patients for implants?
- Are you happy with the communication between yourself and the surgeon?
- Are you confident that your high standards of care are being maintained and that your patients are in safe hands?
- Would you like to restore your own patients' implants?
- Are you aware of the financial benefits of restoring implants yourself?



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Alistair qualified from Manchester in 1993 and went on to gain five years' experience in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at hospital units in Manchester and Glasgow. He obtained his Fellowship in Dental Surgery (FDS) from the Royal College of Surgeons in 1998 with specific focus in oral surgery. He started placing implants in 1999 and obtained the Diploma in Implant Dentistry at The Royal College of Surgeons at advanced level in 2012. He has also completed numerous additional courses in implant and cosmetic dentistry.

We undertake all aspects of implant dentistry, including implant placement and restoration, sinus and bone grafting and treatment planning for other practitioners.

We can offer a range of treatments from single tooth immediate implants to full mouth restoration including the **All-on-4**® technique. We use Nobel, Straumann, and other implant systems depending on the specifics of the case.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of a case or the referral process you can contact one of our team on **0208 500 6789**, email: chigwell@bluebelldp.co.uk or in person at Bluebell Dental Practice & Clinic in Chigwell, Essex.

Option 1 - Refer your implant cases for placement and restoration

We are happy to work with you and your patients, undertaking every aspect of implant placement and restoration, returning your patients once the agreed treatment is completed.

Option 2 - Refer for implant placement only

We work on a placement only basis with many practitioners, including assistance with treatment planning and working closely with the referring practitioner to ensure that the patients' expectations are met. If the referring practitioner will be providing the restorative part of implant therapy, the patient will be returned to their care after successful implant integration.

Referral Procedure

At Bluebell, we understand that referring your patients to another practice requires trust. We work hard to build effective, mutually beneficial relationships with all the clinicians who refer to us, adding real value for all involved. During their first visit we examine the patients thoroughly and discuss their hopes and expectations of what can be achieved with implant dentistry. Clinical photographs, study models and any necessary radiographs are taken at the practice and CT scans are arranged. A report is then sent to the patient and the referring practitioner. Any other dental work is sent back to their referring dentist who can then also take over the monitoring of the implant and its maintenance.

Practitioners are welcome to accompany their patients for the initial consultation or treatment stages.

Implant placement only

Once practitioners are familiar with the implant process they may wish to restore the implants themselves. They may even want to place under guidance, and this can also be arranged. The consultation and surgical stage is then done at Bluebell. The patient returns to their own practitioner for their restoration.

How can I refer a patient?

Simply complete our referral form, or call the practice and speak to one of our administrative team.

For more information and advice please visit: www.bluebelldp.co.uk