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# How to add years to your face & shorten your life.....

**If you have the misfortune of ever losing a tooth, the most obvious result is a gap in your smile but it can also add years to your face. The **Seapoint Dental Clinic** in Blackrock, Dublin, which focuses on cosmetic and implant dentistry, are experts in the field of dental implants.**

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Over the past few years, dental implants and mini-dental implants have revolutionised the whole area of tooth replacement. While the traditional treatment options of crown and bridges, or dentures addressed the short-term cosmetic problem of missing teeth, they did nothing to stop bone loss. Dental implants, like natural teeth, also transmit chewing forces to the jawbone, which reduces bone loss. This is why many leading dental organizations now recognize dental implants as the standard of care for tooth replacement.

Today's modern implants are precision devices, available in different designs to address specific needs. The most common type is a titanium screw that is anchored into the jaw-

bone where it serves as a post for a custom-made tooth crown. Once the crown is in place, you can rarely tell it apart from the natural teeth.

Things like eating steak or chewing gum are now back on the menu again.

The most common reason for dental implants is decay or gum disease. About 10% would be trauma cases, where the tooth or teeth have been lost through injury.

Having a dental implant is not painful and usually done under local anaesthetic. Most procedures are done in the dentist's office. The entire process can take between 3 - 9 months, depending on what is required.

The **Seapoint Clinic** is one of the few to have its own dental CT scanner. This avoids damage to important nerves in the jaws and to the sinuses.

With the CT scanner, the **Clinic** can tell before your implant visit

whether a patient's bone is suitable, instead of having to undergo a painful investigation under an anesthetic.

Prices

If a patient is covered by a regular VHI policy they may be covered for a portion, or all of the cost of some implants on the bottom jaw.

Dental implants are also covered by tax relief at the marginal rate as a medical expense.

"Dental Implants"  
Dental Implant (single) includes crown €2495

"Implants"  
Dental Implant (multiple) includes crown €1895 (per implant)

Mini-dental implant €495 (per implant)

The **Seapoint Dental Clinic** are holding an Open Evening on Thursday, March 26th from 6-8pm for further information, contact the **Seapoint Dental Clinic** at 01-2842570 or go to [www.seapointclinic.ie](http://www.seapointclinic.ie)