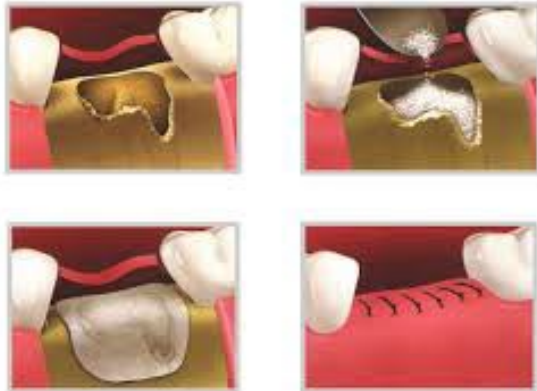


BONE GRAFTING

What is bone grafting?



Many times a dentist will need to increase the amount of bone in a patient's jaw.

Recent developments in bone grafting techniques have made implant treatment possible in cases that would have been impossible just a few years ago.

If increasing the amount of available bone is required for your case, it might add to the cost of treatment, require more time, introduce additional procedures and add to the risks involved.

There is more than one bone grafting technique, but they can be grouped into two types.

The first, and most extensive type of bone grafting is always done as a separate surgery from the implant placement. This type of graft is intended to make large changes to the shape and size of the dental ridge so that a stable implant can be placed, usually several months later. These procedures are generally performed by specialists such as oral surgeons or periodontists.

In the second type of bone grafting, the jaw may already have enough bone to place the implant, but not enough bone to completely cover the sides of the implant. These types of grafts are generally small in size and are performed at the time of implant placement.