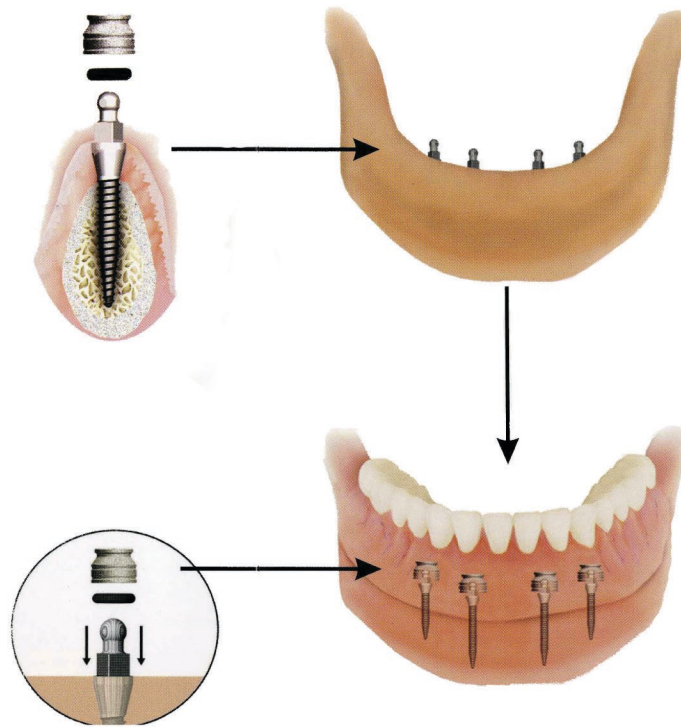


How Do Narrow Diameter Implants Broaden My Options?

Narrow diameter implants were developed in order to provide greater denture stability for those patients who:

1. Cannot withstand the rigors of conventional implant surgery
2. Do not have enough bone to allow for full sized implants to be placed
3. Are seeking an option with a lower cost than traditional implant treatment



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What are Narrow Diameter Implants?

Narrow diameter implants consist of a miniature titanium alloy implant that acts like the root of your tooth and a retaining fixture that is incorporated into the base of your denture. The head of the implant is shaped like a ball, and the retaining fixture acts like a socket with a rubber O-ring. The O-ring snaps over the ball when the denture is seated and holds the denture firmly in place. When seated, the denture gently rests on the gum tissue. The implant fixtures allow for micro-mobility while withstanding natural lifting forces.

How are Narrow Diameter Implants Placed?

Placement of the implants is accomplished quickly and easily in a process performed in our office, with local anesthesia. Using a precise, controlled, minimally invasive surgical technique, Narrow diameter implants are placed into the jawbone. The heads of the implants protrude from the gum tissue and provide a strong, solid foundation for securing your dentures. Because of the minimally invasive nature of this procedure, placement doesn't require a lengthy healing period, meaning dentures can be stabilized the same day the small diameter implants are placed.