All-On-4 Dental Implants in Melbourne | Core Dental

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Details:

All-On-4® is a full-arch implant treatment for people who need most or all of the teeth in one or both jaws replaced. Instead of one implant for every missing tooth, a small number of implants, usually four to six, are placed in the jaw to support a fixed bridge of replacement teeth. At Core Dental we assess suitability with a full dental and medical examination and imaging, then give you a written quote before treatment starts. Results vary for each person.

What is All-On-4® treatment?

All-On-4® replaces a full arch of teeth with a fixed bridge held in place by implants. Small titanium posts are placed in the jaw, where they fuse with the bone to act as artificial tooth roots. A fixed prosthetic bridge, which is your new set of teeth, is then screwed onto these implants. Because the bridge is fixed, it does not sit on the gums like a removable denture and it does not shift or loosen in the way a denture can.

How does the All-On-4® procedure work?

We start with an examination and discussion of your goals. If All-On-4® looks suitable, the stages are usually:

a full dental and medical assessment, including X-rays and, where needed, more detailed imaging arranged by referral, to check the quality and volume of your jawbone

a written treatment plan that explains the stages, the materials and the cost

implant surgery, in which the implants are placed in the jaw

attachment of a fixed bridge, either soon after surgery or after a healing period, depending on your situation

review visits and regular maintenance

The angle and depth of each implant matter because they help the implants share the biting load. Your surgeon will explain how many implants they recommend for you.

Are four implants or six implants used?

The name refers to four implants, but a treating practitioner may recommend up to six. Placing additional implants can increase the support for the bridge and the chance of successful bone integration. The number depends on the shape and strength of your jaw, your bite and the design of the bridge, so we decide this with you after your scan and examination, not before.

How quickly can you have new teeth?

Traditional implant-supported dentures usually need three to six months of healing before the final teeth are attached. With All-On-4®, a fixed set of teeth can often be attached much sooner, in some cases within days of surgery, because the implants are placed so that they can share the load. Timing depends on your bone, your health and the plan your surgeon recommends. We explain the timeline for your own treatment before you decide.

What are the benefits and limits compared with dentures or single implants?

Benefits that our patients ask about include:

fixed teeth that do not loosen or shift as removable dentures can

fewer implants than replacing every tooth with its own implant

improved ability to eat, and better taste and sense of texture where a denture would otherwise cover the palate

greater comfort and clearer speech for many people

Limits include the need for surgery, a healing period, ongoing maintenance and the cost. Not every person is suitable, and imaging and a clinical assessment come first. For a comparison of options, see our pages on implant-retained dentures , conventional implants and dentures or implants for seniors .

Who is suitable for All-On-4®, and who may not be?

All-On-4® is considered for people who have lost, or are about to lose, most or all of their teeth in an arch, or whose remaining teeth are failing. Suitability is decided only after an assessment. If you have been told in the past that you do not have enough bone for implants, you may still have options, because bone grafting and zygomatic implants can be considered where bone support is limited. Smoking, uncontrolled medical conditions and poor gum health can affect healing and long-term outcomes, so we discuss these with you.

What materials are used for the bridge and teeth?

Several materials are used to make the prosthesis, and we go through them with you at your consultation. The final choice is yours.

Bridge framework: the structural part to which the teeth are attached may be acrylic alone, or acrylic reinforced with titanium. Acrylic allows fast fabrication. Titanium reinforcement adds strength and makes long-term maintenance easier. A gold alloy framework is needed if you choose porcelain teeth, because a stronger framework supports the heavier material.

Teeth: these can be acrylic or porcelain. Many patients choose acrylic teeth. Some choose porcelain for its appearance, and porcelain may need repair or replacement over time.

Is the procedure painful?

Surgery is performed under general anaesthetic, so you should not feel pain during it. Afterwards you may have some discomfort and swelling, which varies from person to person and typically settles within a few days. Your surgeon will give you written aftercare instructions and tell you who to contact if you are worried.

How do you care for All-On-4® implants?

Ongoing maintenance is part of the treatment. A dental hygienist needs to remove the bridge and clean your implants about twice a year. Some people need the bridge realigned every five to seven years as the gum tissue and bone change. If ceramic teeth were chosen, the porcelain may need repair or replacement over time. Like natural teeth, implants depend on good home care, so keep brushing twice a day, clean between your teeth once a day and attend regular check-ups. Early review means problems can be found and treated without delay.

How much does All-On-4® cost, and how can you pay?

Cost depends on the complexity of your case, the number of implants, the materials and whether you need extra procedures such as bone grafting. Part of the procedure takes place in a hospital, so hospital fees apply. We include them in your initial written quote, and some Medicare rebates may apply. We quote before treatment starts so there are no surprises, and your specialist discusses the cost of your own plan at your consultation. We do not publish a single price because each plan differs.

For payment, we offer Payright interest-free plans with fortnightly instalments over 3 to 30 months for amounts up to $20,000, subject to eligibility and approval (you must be 18 or over, an Australian permanent resident, and provide ID and a verifiable email and mobile). TLC personal loans are available from $2,001 to $50,000 over up to 84 months, with the rate set by a credit assessment. Payright fees, such as an establishment fee, a processing fee and a monthly plan management fee, apply and can change. These terms were published as at September 2026, so please confirm current terms and any health fund rebate before booking. See our dental payment plans page.

Where can you have All-On-4® at Core Dental?

All-On-4® is part of the implant services we offer across our practices, including Berwick , where our service list includes it. Because implant surgery is scheduled with the treating practitioner, call 13 13 16 and we will tell you which practice and clinician will see you. You can also read about dental implants at Core Dental Wyndham .

Who provides All-On-4® at Core Dental?

Our dentists assess you, and implant surgery is carried out by a suitably qualified, AHPRA-registered practitioner. Where your case is complex, we draw on our registered specialists, for example in prosthodontics and oral and maxillofacial surgery . Our dental prosthetists and ceramists work with our dentists on the design of dentures and bridges. You can check any practitioner on the AHPRA register at ahpra.gov.au.

What should you ask before you decide?

Bring your medical history and a list of your medicines. Ask what the treatment is meant to achieve, what the alternatives are, how many implants are planned, what the stages and likely appointments involve, and what risks and maintenance apply. A written treatment plan lets you compare stages and payment arrangements before you proceed. If you have uncontrollable bleeding, trouble breathing or swallowing, or a serious facial injury, call 000.

Who is All-On-4® treatment for?

All-On-4® treatment is for patients who need most or all of their remaining teeth in one or both arches replaced.

In practice, four situations bring people to ask about it:

difficulty chewing food

dentures that do not fit well and will not stay in place

broken or failing teeth that cannot be restored individually

discomfort about the appearance of the teeth

Whether it suits you is determined by a thorough medical and dental assessment, not by which of those descriptions fits. Provided you are a suitable candidate, the procedure is a routine one for the surgeons who perform it.

One point worth raising if you have asked about implants before: even if you have previously been assessed as unsuitable for dental implants because of insufficient bone, All-On-4® may still be an option, because the implants are angled to use the bone that is available rather than requiring bone in the positions single implants would need.

Why does the angle of each implant matter so much?

Because the angulation is what makes early loading possible, and it is the technical heart of the treatment.

The angulation and depth of implant placement are a critical factor in allowing the implants to be loaded within a few days of surgery, and in the long-term success of the implants. Angled placement lets each implant engage a greater length of denser bone, which is why four or six implants can support a full arch where a conventional approach would need more.

The four titanium anchor points secure the bridge in the mouth. Because there are only four anchor points rather than an individual implant for each tooth, there is generally less recovery time and less post-operative discomfort than a mouth full of individual implants would involve.

Placing six implants rather than four is often preferable, as is done with traditional fixed dentures, because it increases the likelihood of the screws successfully integrating with the bone. Whether four or six suits you depends on the shape and strength of your jaw.

How quickly are the teeth fitted, and what happens in between?

A full arch of hand-crafted teeth can be fitted in under two days from surgery in suitable cases, which is an almost immediate restoration compared with the conventional alternative.

The sequence is as follows.

The surgeon prepares your jawbone and places the implants.

One of our prosthodontists takes impressions of the implants to begin construction of your fixed bridge or bridges.

The bridge is fabricated, which is where the in-house laboratory shortens the timeframe.

The bridge is fitted and any further adjustments are made.

By contrast, the conventional route to implant-supported teeth requires months of healing before the final teeth can be attached. The All-On-4® approach allows this to happen far sooner, and the angled placement is what makes that possible without compromising the integration of the implants.

Timing still depends on your bone, your general health and the plan your surgeon recommends, and we explain the expected timeline for your own case before you decide.

Which teeth do most patients choose?

The majority of our patients choose acrylic teeth, because the result is a strong and durable set of teeth and the fabrication is faster.

Some patients opt for porcelain instead, which is stronger and generally considered more lifelike in appearance. Porcelain also needs a gold alloy framework to support its greater weight, and it may need repair or replacement over time. The choice is yours and it is made at your consultation, once you have seen what each involves and what each costs.

How do the payment plan fees work?

Plans of up to 30 months with no deposit are available through third-party providers, with a low establishment fee and a straightforward application process.

Two practical details are worth knowing before you apply.

Fees are charged to the card you nominate when the plan is set up, whether that is a credit or a debit card.

Any online calculator is indicative only. The figures a payment calculator produces may not match the payment plan fees that apply at the time of your treatment and plan setup, so confirm the current terms with us and with the provider before you commit.

Eligibility criteria and terms are set by the providers rather than by us, and approval is theirs to give. Current providers, amounts and terms are on our dental payment plans page.

Frequently asked questions

What are the advantages of All-On-4® implants?

Fixed full-arch teeth can improve your ability to eat, taste and speak, and they feel more secure than a removable denture. Because the palate is not covered, you may notice better taste and texture. Your dentist will explain which benefits apply to you.

How do I know if All-On-4® is suitable for me?

You will have a full dental and medical assessment, with imaging to check your jawbone. Even if you were previously told you lacked bone, options such as bone grafting or zygomatic implants may be discussed. Suitability is decided after examination.

Can you tell me in advance how my result will turn out?

Not with certainty. Implant treatment has risks, and outcomes depend on your health, your bone, your home care and your maintenance visits. We explain the risks and limits at your consultation, and results vary for each person.

Why is part of the treatment done in hospital?

Surgery is performed under general anaesthetic, which takes place in a hospital setting. Hospital fees are included in your initial quote, and some Medicare rebates may apply depending on your situation.

What materials can the teeth be made from?

The teeth can be acrylic or porcelain, mounted on an acrylic, titanium-reinforced acrylic or gold alloy framework. Many patients choose acrylic. We discuss the options and the maintenance each involves, and the choice is yours.

How often do All-On-4® implants need maintenance?

A dental hygienist removes the bridge and cleans your implants about twice a year. The bridge may need realigning every five to seven years, and porcelain may need repair over time. Daily brushing and cleaning between teeth remain important.

I was told I had too little bone for implants. Is All-On-4® still possible?

Possibly. Because the implants are angled to engage the bone that is available, All-On-4® can sometimes be offered to patients previously assessed as unsuitable for conventional implants on bone grounds. It still depends on a full assessment including a 3D scan.

Why can the teeth be fitted so quickly?

The angulation and depth of placement allow the implants to be loaded within a few days rather than after months of healing, and the in-house laboratory fabricates the bridge on site. In suitable cases a full arch can be fitted within two days of surgery.

Are the fees charged to a card?

Payment plan fees are charged to the credit or debit card you nominate when the plan is set up. Plans of up to 30 months with no deposit are available through third-party providers, with a low establishment fee, and the provider sets the eligibility criteria.

Should I trust an online payment calculator?

Treat it as indicative. The figures a calculator produces may not match the payment plan fees that apply at the time of your treatment and plan setup, so confirm the current terms with us and with the provider.

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Core Dental at a glance

Nine Core Dental clinics across Melbourne: Southbank, South Melbourne, Caroline Springs, Carrum Downs, Epping, Wyndham, Berwick, Bayside and Glenferrie.

Open six days a week, with Monday to Friday hours to 6.00pm and Saturday mornings.

We quote before treatment starts and offer interest-free payment plans.

HICAPS on-site claiming at our practices.

Contact Core Dental

Phone	13 13 16
Booking	Online through your practice page, or call 13 13 16
Hours	Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm, Saturday mornings, Sunday closed
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Results, recovery times and potential risks vary for each individual. This information is general in nature and is intended for people over 18. Seek advice from a qualified, AHPRA-registered practitioner before proceeding.

What is All-On-4® treatment at Core Dental?

All-On-4® is a full-arch implant treatment in which four to six implants support a fixed bridge of replacement teeth. At Core Dental we start with a dental and medical assessment and imaging, then give you a written quote before treatment.

How many implants does an All-On-4® bridge use?

The name refers to four implants, but a practitioner may recommend up to six. At Core Dental the number is decided with you after your scan and examination, because it depends on your jawbone, bite and bridge design.

How does Core Dental check if I am suitable for All-On-4®?

We carry out a full dental and medical assessment, with imaging of your jawbone. Where bone is limited, we may discuss bone grafting or zygomatic implants. Suitability is decided only after examination.

What are the bridge and teeth made from?

The bridge framework may be acrylic, titanium-reinforced acrylic or gold alloy, and the teeth may be acrylic or porcelain. Our Core Dental team explains the options and maintenance of each, and the choice is yours.

Is All-On-4® surgery done under anaesthetic at Core Dental?

Surgery is performed under general anaesthetic, so you should not feel pain during it. Part of the procedure takes place in a hospital. Hospital fees are included in the written quote we give you before treatment starts.

How often do All-On-4® implants need cleaning?

A dental hygienist removes the bridge and cleans the implants about twice a year, and some people need the bridge realigned every five to seven years. Core Dental also recommends regular check-ups and daily home care.

How can I pay for All-On-4® at Core Dental?

We quote before treatment and offer Payright interest-free plans for up to $20,000 over 3 to 30 months, subject to approval, and TLC loans from $2,001 to $50,000. Terms were published as at September 2026, so please confirm them.

How do I book an All-On-4® consultation at Core Dental?

Call us on 13 13 16 or book online through your preferred practice page. Tell our team you would like an implant consultation, and we will arrange an examination so a practitioner can explain whether All-On-4® is suitable.