

GLOSSARY

Abutment	Screw attached to an implant; anchor tooth for a bridge
Acrylic	Plastic material used for dentures and temporary crowns
Alveolar	Bone surrounding the roots of teeth
Bone Augmentation	Recreating lost bone
Composite	White filling (resin based)
Crown	Part of tooth normally visible in mouth
Bridge	Crown(s) supporting missing tooth/teeth
Bridge Rochette/Adhesive involved	Metal winged bridge where no or minimal tooth preparation is involved
Dahl Appliance	Appliance that props bite open in front so back teeth are temporarily out of contact
DPT	Dental Panoramic Tomography. Also OPG; OPT
Gingivitis	Superficial inflammation of gums with no bone loss
Glass Ionomer	White filling material (glass filler in acid)
Implant	Titanium screw buried into the bone to replace a missing root
Lymphadenopathy	Palpable lymph glands indicative of infection
Periapical	Small radiograph of a tooth
Periodontal	Pertaining to gums and surrounding tissues of teeth
Periodontitis	Deep inflammation of gums with bone loss and pockets around teeth
Removable Prosthesis	Denture
Radiolucency	dark area in bone – may be indicative of pathology
RCT	Root Canal Treatment – a filling in the root canal
Root	part of a tooth normally buried in the bone
Root Canal	space in the root normally occupied by a nerve
Sealant Restoration	small conservative filling
Subgingival	below the gum
Suprastructure	crown associated with implants