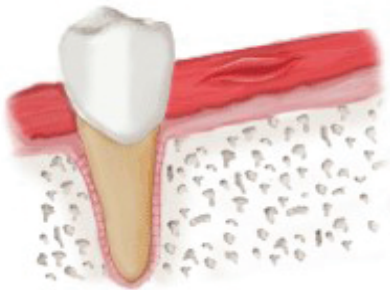
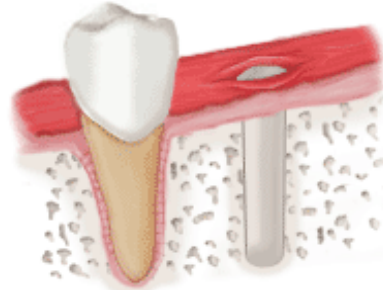


Dental Implants

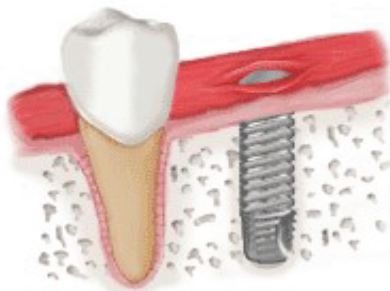
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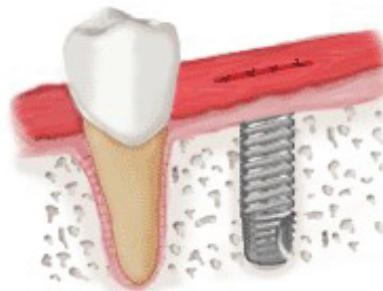
1. The implant is placed into the hole in the bone.



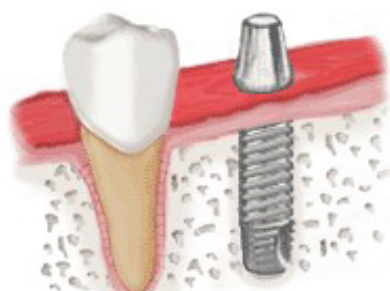
2. A hole is made in the bone.



3. The implant is placed into the hole in the bone.



4. The incision is stitched closed.



5. After healing, a new incision is made over the implant. A metal piece called a healing cap usually is screwed on top of the implant to guide the tissue as it heals. Later, the healing cap is removed. Then a permanent part, called an abutment (pictured), is screwed onto the implant. It is used to support a crown.



6. The crown, which is made to look like a natural tooth, is cemented or screwed onto the abutment.