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# Implant surgery

## What is implant surgery?

Some people have gaps where teeth are missing, others have parts of their face/mouth structures missing because of trauma, disease or treatment. These facial or dental defects can be distressing because they affect the person's appearance or how well they can eat, speak, smile etc.

These gaps used to be routinely treated by removable appliances that used the remaining teeth or spectacles as attachments. More recently, special titanium implants have been developed that can be inserted (implanted) into the facial bone or jaws. These can support artificial teeth and/or can act as stable support for facial prostheses (eg ones including prosthetic ears, eyes, noses).

Addenbrooke's has full facilities for the planning and construction of these prostheses, which are made by our specialist maxillofacial technicians.