

# Ask The Dentists

We would like to congratulate Dr. Richard Winter for his latest award: He was nominated for and received a Fellowship in the International College of Dentists recently in Orlando. The International College of Dentists is a leading honorary dental organization dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service, and the continued progress of the profession of dentistry for the benefit of mankind. Congratulations Dr. Rick!

**Dear Dr. Winter, I have had cancer for the last 5 years and it has played heck on my teeth. I am looking into dental implants. Can you give me the price per tooth? Can these be attached to a bridge or my natural teeth? Can I get teeth the day I get my implants? Thank you!**

Dear Cindy, I am sorry for your health issues but happy you are now feeling well enough to pursue treatment. The answers to your questions are complex and require an examination and x-ray visit. I can tell you that not everyone can have "immediate" teeth on the day of implants but that is always our goal. Crowns can attach one implant to another implant, but we can't attach implants to natural teeth. The implants have no ligament and teeth do, so over time the crowns won't fit properly if they are attached to one another. I would need to see the number of healthy teeth you have, the quality and quantity of remaining bone and the desired prosthesis to give you prices. Dentures that snap on to mini-implants versus dentures that are permanently affixed to larger, traditional implants have great variation in price. So I can't be more specific except to say that mini-implants are for removable denture products. Traditional implants can have single teeth or can be combined with multiple implants to act as anchors for bridges.

I would also want to discuss the treatment with your oncologist to make sure that you are a candidate for implant therapy after having gone through chemotherapy and radiation treatment and possible concerns or contraindications to various treatment options available to you. Please visit our newest website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.wisconsinprosthodontics.com/"](http://www.wisconsinprosthodontics.com/) [www.wisconsinprosthodontics.com](http://www.wisconsinprosthodontics.com/) to see some more specific examples of how Prosthodontics or the science of



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tooth replacement can offer solutions to your specific problems. You can also go to our main website [www.winterdental.com](http://www.winterdental.com) form videos, photos of implant solutions.

We would be happy to see you or any of our readership for a new patient comprehensive examination and x-ray visit. Please call our office at 414-464-9021 to schedule and let them know you contacted me via the internet or read this article for a special consideration. You can see more information about our practice at [WWW.WINTERDENTAL.COM](http://WWW.WINTERDENTAL.COM) and the site I mentioned: [www.wisconsinprosthodontics.com](http://www.wisconsinprosthodontics.com) where you can access our 4 websites for examples of our dentistry, videos and photos of the procedures we offer.

I look forward to meeting you.  
Sincerely, Richard B. Winter D.D.S., M.A.G.D.,  
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