

Ridge Augmentation

When you lose one or more teeth, the outcome of the healed extraction sites can include an indentation in your gums and jawbone where the tooth used to be. This happens in some cases because the jawbone recedes or shrinks when it is no longer necessary to support a tooth in its original position.

Not only is this indentation unnatural looking, it also causes the replacement tooth to look too long compared to the adjacent teeth.

A periodontist can fill in or repair this “defect” with a procedure called ridge augmentation, recapturing the natural contour of your gums and jaw. A new tooth can then be created that is natural looking, easy-to-clean and beautiful.