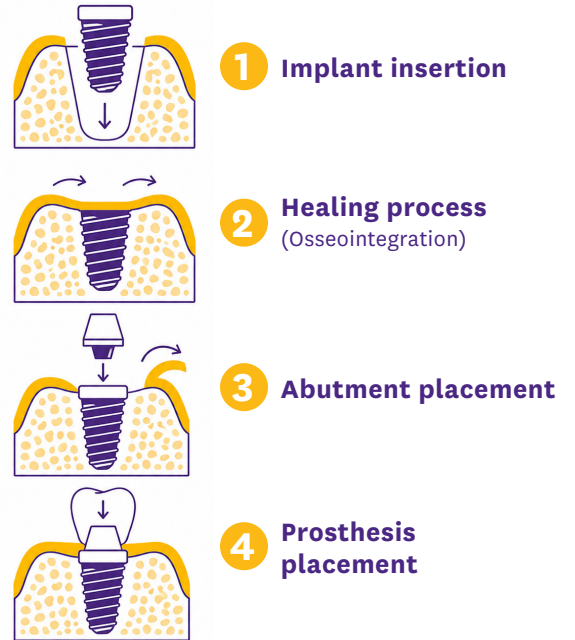


# Understanding implant restoration coding: Ensure correct billing

## Abutment-supported crown process — cement retained

- Implant placement.
- Abutment placement.
- Abutment-supported crown / retainer placement (cement retained).

In this process, an abutment-supported crown is retained via cement. The abutment is necessary and billing an abutment code is appropriate.



## Implant-supported crown process — screw-retained

- Implant placement.
- Implant-supported crown / retainer placement (screw-retained; abutment not required).

In this process, an implant-supported crown is retained via the implant screw, and the crown attaches directly to the implant. Therefore, billing an abutment code is not appropriate.

