

Partial Dentures

Partial dentures consist of 1 to 13 teeth and fill in the gaps where you have had teeth removed. Even one missing tooth is important enough to be replaced with a Partial Denture. Each tooth has a specific function, either to chew, grind, tear, or bite food off. The longer you go without covering the area that is now vacant, the more the gums begin to shrink, and the teeth on either side eventually relax and move in towards the gap to fill in the extra space.

There are 2 types of Partial Dentures:

Plastic Partial Dentures have no metal clasps (though they can be added for an additional price), and they are therefore less costly, and they allow other teeth to be added easily. The plastic is not as strong as metal, and so has a tendency to break more easily.

Metal Partial Dentures have metal clasps that fit tightly around 2 or more of your natural teeth. If new teeth

need to be added, the Partial Denture may need to be sent away to a lab to have another piece of metal added so that the new tooth is properly supported by the metal plate. Metal Partial Dentures are stronger than Plastic Partial Dentures and are also more secure in the mouth.

Once you've received your new Partial Denture, you may experience sore spots, or the bite may not feel quite like it should. In that case you will need to call your Denturist to come and make the proper adjustments at no extra cost. With each adjustment the denture may settle in more, sometimes requiring additional adjustments. These adjustments are a normal part of the progressive fitting process.

It takes time to adapt to new dentures of any kind, just have patience and determination, and you will do just fine!!

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