

# Removable Partial Dentures



A removable partial denture is usually made to replace one or more teeth, and is customized to a patient's specific requirements.

Removable partial dentures restore a person's natural appearance and greatly improve the ability to chew and speak clearly.

## TYPE AND STYLE OF PARTIALS

A partial denture may be tooth-supported or tooth and tissue-supported. There are significant differences between these two types of dentures. These differences are best explained by your Denturist.

The number of teeth remaining, the position and the stability of the teeth are only a few of the factors that help to determine what style or type of partial denture would be best for you.

Partials can be made of different materials, including acrylics, a metal/acrylic combination or flexible thermoplastics.

Acrylic partials are usually used as a transitional or temporary replacement of missing teeth, depending on your personal circumstances.

The metal/acrylic partial—commonly called a cast partial—is usually a more rigid and permanent style of denture. The metal is either a highly compatible chrome cobalt alloy or titanium, which are both ultra thin, light and very strong.

The new flexible thermoplastics have the advantage of esthetics and flexibility.

All partials are designed to be removable and should be removed nightly to contribute to a healthy oral environment.

With newer designs, materials and techniques, partials are more comfortable than ever before. Ask your Denturist about the many designs available, some of which have no visible clasps and are virtually undetectable.

## THE BENEFITS OF PARTIALS

Partial dentures do not harm remaining natural teeth. A partial denture may prevent your natural teeth from shifting or drifting into the space left by the loss of a natural tooth. In fact, a partial denture may help maintain the position of your natural teeth by providing them with additional support.

With a partial denture, you'll look better, feel better and chew better!