



Removable Partial Denture



Overview

If you've lost a tooth, or even a few teeth next to each other, a removable partial denture can fill in the gap. It's a prosthetic device that's made to fit comfortably in your mouth. And you can take it out at night and for cleaning.

Types

There are a few types of removable partial dentures. With one common type, the replacement teeth are held by a plastic base. It's molded to the shape of your gum. With another type, the replacement teeth are supported by a metal framework that clasps to your other teeth. Or, your prosthetic may be designed to snap into a custom housing with "precision attachments." With this style, your dentist will have to modify the teeth next to the gap. They may need to be fitted with special crowns or other devices.

Care

Your dentist will teach you how to take care of your denture. You also need to keep the teeth around it clean and healthy so they stay strong and provide good support. So follow your dentist's instructions for brushing and flossing. With proper care, your denture can last for many years.

Conclusion

Talk to your dentist to see if a removable partial denture is the right way to restore your smile.

