

Complete Dentures

Dentures are removable false teeth designed to replace missing teeth. Our doctors may recommend complete (full) dentures or partial dentures, depending on how many natural teeth you have lost or may need to be removed. There are two types of full dentures.

- **Conventional Full Dentures** - This is when all the teeth are removed and the tissue is given time to heal before the dentures are placed. It could take 6-8 weeks for the gum tissue to heal completely, and during this time you will be without teeth. The benefit of waiting for the gums to heal completely is that your denture will have a tighter fit and fewer adjustments may be required.
- **Immediate Full Dentures** - Prior to having your teeth removed, we take impressions and have dentures fitted for your mouth. (These steps can take up to 2 months.) Once we receive the finished product your teeth will be removed, and the dentures are immediately placed in your mouth. The benefit is that you do not have to spend any time without teeth. You will, however, need to have follow-up visits to adjust your dentures because the jaw bone will slightly change shape as your mouth heals. The dentures will need to be relined after the bone has healed.

Partial Dentures

Partial dentures are another option when you still have teeth that are viable. Partial dentures are a removable solution to replace your smile and boost your confidence. Partial dentures consist of replacement teeth attached to pink or gum-colored plastic bases, which are connected by metal framework.

All dentures take some time to get used to. Some people say that it feels bulky, that they don't have enough room for their tongue, or that the dentures might feel loose. These feelings will affect the way you eat and talk for a while. Over time, the denture will become more comfortable and natural.

Care for your dentures

Your dentures will need to be brushed to remove plaque and food particles before removing your dentures; just as your natural teeth. After you have been removed they should be placed directly into room temperature water or a denture cleaning solution.