

# Let's Talk About Teeth

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## ARE YOU PARTIAL TO DENTURES?

Dentures can be an affordable and time-effective solution for one or more missing teeth. Some patients with missing teeth have neither enough remaining (or properly positioned) teeth for a bridge nor sufficient bone for implants. In such cases, a removable partial denture may replace the missing teeth. Partial dentures are composed of a cast metal base with clasping metal "arms," which hold the denture in place. Pink plastic is baked over the metal to lend the appearance of gum tissue. Porcelain teeth are then set in to the pink gum plastic to replace the missing teeth. The base of the partial denture rests lightly on gum tissue, which will change over time. To ensure a proper fit, therefore, it is necessary to visit the dentist at regular intervals for modification to the denture base.

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