

Let's Talk About Teeth

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When missing teeth need to be replaced, one option is a "fixed bridge." This dental appliance bridges gaps between teeth by cementing the bridge (which holds a prosthetic tooth known as a "pontic" in place) to healthy abutment teeth on either side of the gap. Simply put, a fixed bridge is typically composed of a pontic fused between two crowns that attach to abutment teeth. Aside from a traditional bridge, another popular design is the resin bonded, or Maryland, bridge, which consists of a pontic fused to metal bands that can be bonded to the abutment teeth with resin cement and hidden from view. This design reduces the amount of preparation that healthy abutment teeth need to endure.

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