



# DENTURE

## What is a denture:

Dentures are a removable tooth replacement options that allows patients to regain most of the usefulness of their natural teeth. Partial dentures are made to replace anywhere from one to several consecutive missing teeth. Full dentures allow patients that have experienced full tooth loss or nearly full tooth loss, a way to replace all of their teeth and restores the ability to eat most foods.

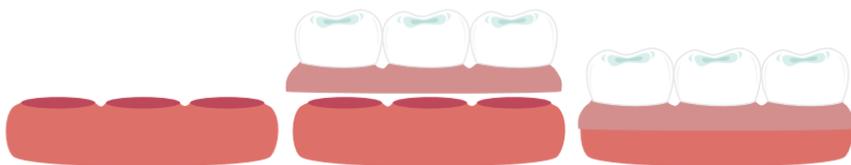
## Reasons for a denture/partial:

- Replace missing teeth
- Improve appearance and smile

## Benefits of a denture/partial:

- Prevents your remaining teeth from shifting
- Reduces loss of bone and facial structure
- Restore ability to chew and speak properly
- Regain a confident smile
- \*Dental implant may help stabilize loose dentures

## How a denture is done:



Gums are prepped for dentures

Denture fitted for gums

Denture placed on prepped gums

## How a partial is done:



Gum area is prepped

Partial with brackets to go over healthy adjacent teeth

Partial placed

## POST OP CARE INSTRUCTIONS

### **What to expect after treatment:**

**Sore Spots:** It's typical to have a few "sore spots" after wearing your denture/partial for 24 hours. These areas can be relieved with very little effort in the office, just give us a call and we'll be happy to make adjustments

**Chewing:** Your new bite may not feel completely comfortable for several weeks. If this is your first set of dentures it will take time to adjust to eating and chewing (especially complete lower dentures). Usually this transition period lasts a couple of weeks while you learn to adjust. We have done our best to provide you with well-fitted, functional, and an aesthetic denture/partial and feel confident that after a few weeks of adjusting to the new dentures/partial, you will get years of satisfaction from them.

It is not uncommon to struggle with dentures. They are painful and offer limited chewing ability and many never fully adjust to wearing them.

### **Notify our office if:**

Your dentures/partial feels loose. Over time, your jawbone and gums shrink without teeth. When this occurs, your denture will require relining. Wearing ill-fitting dentures/partial for too long, can cause bone loss and overgrowth of soft tissue. Please call our office should your denture/partial feel loose.

### **Denture Care:**

Dentures must be removed for cleaning and during the night, while you sleep. Whenever removing your dentures for storage, make sure to place them in liquid as they are made to stay wet. Never place dentures in direct sunlight as this can result in warping and change how they fit in your mouth.

For more detailed information, visit us at: [northviewsmiles.com](http://northviewsmiles.com)

### **POST OP NOTES:**

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