



A removable partial denture is a great way to reestablish proper biting. In most instances a partial denture replaces missing teeth and can last many years.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Biting with denture teeth is not the same as with natural teeth. Your biting force may decrease by up to 1/5th.
- Eating food will be different.
- These teeth are not as strong and don't cut food as well as natural teeth. You may not be able to eat corn on the cob, hard candy or bite into a steak as you did with natural teeth.
- Your speech may change and you may sound different.
- If you're replacing an existing partial denture, your new denture will not look or feel exactly like your old one.
- It will take you a while (weeks to months) to become accustomed to its feel.

The bone in areas where your teeth have been extracted or where teeth have been missing for a period of time will gradually decrease. If your bone decreases to a point where your denture is no longer serving you well, you may require tissue relines or a new denture. Your partial denture, for purposes of stability, relies in part upon a connection (by clasps, rests) to your remaining teeth. Due to this, there is a chance that over time these teeth may be weakened or compromised sooner than if they hadn't been so employed.

Initially, your partial denture may stimulate your gag reflex, cause excessive salivation, feel very large in your mouth or simply feel foreign. Adjustments and tissue treatments may alleviate these symptoms. If you experience continuing pain, discomfort, or difficulty in adapting to your denture, please call our office.

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