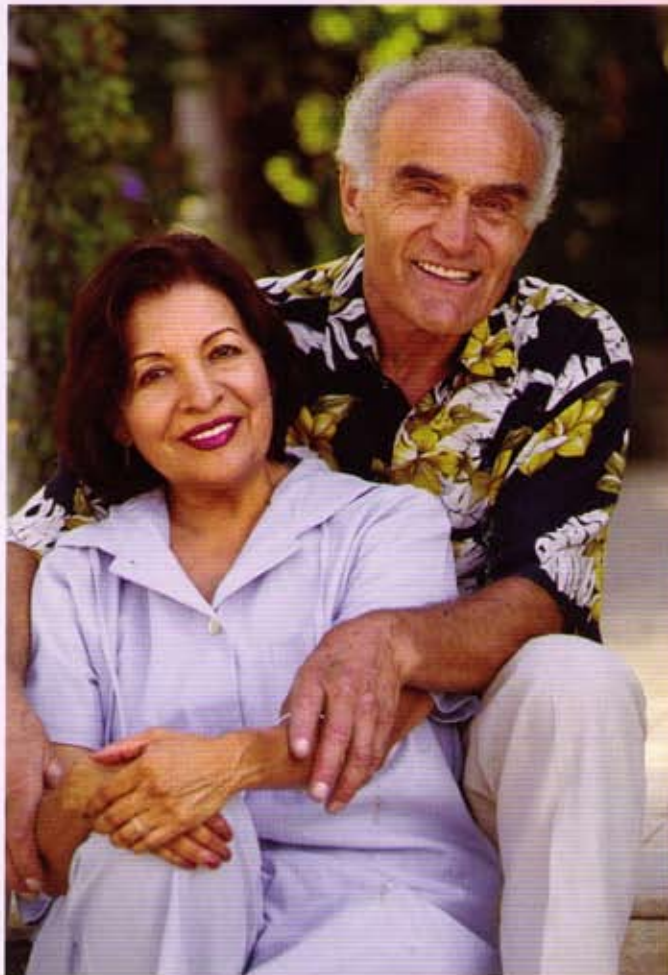


Partially Perfect



When fixed bridges or dental implants are not an option, removable partial dentures can be used to fill toothless gaps. Removable partial dentures are made using replacement teeth attached to pink or gum-colored acrylic bases that connect to a carefully designed metal framework. Conventional removable partial dentures attach to your natural teeth using metal clasps. These metal clasps can be unattractive due to the silver color that shows when smiling or talking. Today, there are other options or devices called precision attachments that are generally more esthetic than metal clasps because they are nearly invisible.

More Natural Looking Partial

There are many options to choose from in deciding what type of clasp is right for you. To eliminate clasps altogether, precision attachments can be made that connect to crowns on your natural teeth. However, partial dentures with precision attachments usually cost more than those with metal clasps.

As another option, your dentist can design a clasp for a partial denture that will be white or pink instead of silver, ensuring that it will

Your Options to Replace Missing Teeth



When you lose a tooth the remaining teeth will move into the open space. If left untreated, more complex dental treatment may be needed to restore your normal dental health.



A partial denture can be used to replace missing teeth. It is designed to be held in the mouth by either clasps or attachments. It is an economical choice for tooth replacement.



A bridge can be used to replace missing teeth and restore dental health. Teeth on both sides of the space are prepared and a bridge is permanently cemented or bonded into place.



Dental implants are becoming more popular as a method used to replace missing teeth. An implant replaces the root of a missing tooth so that a crown can be attached to it.

blend in with the color of your natural tooth and gums. A thermoplastic nylon material which is flexible, biocompatible, metal-free, and blends well with natural tissues may also be used.

Stronger Partial

For some long span situations a metal framework must be used for added strength. Gold, titanium, and other metals may also be used to make partial frames. The partial framework is used to support a tissue-colored acrylic base and prefabricated denture teeth. Denture teeth are hand-made using acrylic materials and are both natural-looking and durable.

Premium brand name denture teeth are also available that have more colors, are tougher,

and come in larger sizes to better match particular dental situations. Even when using metal, visible clasps may be made using thermoplastic materials for greater esthetics.

Your Mouth is Different Than Mine

Just like your hair is uniquely yours, every mouth is also different. When you visit your dentist for a consultation on a partial denture, impressions will be taken to produce study models of your mouth. Your dentist and the laboratory technician will examine your case thoroughly and design a partial denture that will be comfortable, esthetic, and long lasting. So if you need to fill that gap, ask your dentist which type of partial denture will be best for you.



Before: The patient was missing several front and back teeth. A removable partial denture was the most economical option.



After: The missing teeth were replaced using a comfortable and esthetic metal-free partial denture.

Crowns with precision attachments



Partial made using a metal-free thermoplastic material



Conventional partial with denture alloy frame



Partial and Tooth Clasp Options

A tooth clasp or precision attachment is used to hold a partial denture in place. Your specific options may differ due to your unique dental needs. There may be several different options to choose from.



Tissue colored clasp



Tooth colored clasp



Cast metal clasp



Precision attachment