

Replacing Missing Teeth With Dentures at Craigentenny Dental Care



This is an area of dentistry which is very complicated, largely due to the large number of treatment options that are available. This guide is split into two sections

- 1. Full Dentures - when all of your teeth on one or both jaws are missing**
- 2. Partial Dentures - when you have some of your own teeth left**

This information sheet can only give an overview of things. However your dentist will be happy to discuss which options are most suitable for you. When you have missing teeth there are 3 major choices available, these are dentures, removable bridges, fixed bridges and implants. To find out more about bridges and implant please just visit our web site and request the relevant information sheets. All of the information here and lots more is available on our dedicated dentures web site www.edinburghdentures.co.uk

Parts of a denture

The role of a denture is to replace one or more missing teeth in your mouth and any gum / bone that has shrunk away since the tooth was lost. For this reason a denture has two components, the first component is the base of the denture which can be made of metal or of plastic, second component is the teeth, these are usually made of plastic but can occasionally be made from porcelain.

Partial dentures are made for patients who still have some of their own teeth but also have several missing teeth. Alternative treatments can include a Bridge or an implant.

Full dentures are used when you have lost all of your teeth in one or both jaws.

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Partial Dentures

There are two main types of denture, the difference being the material that the denture base is made out of. The first and probably the most common type of denture is the all acrylic (or plastic) denture. This is made out of a hard pink plastic into which the denture teeth are set. This type of denture is easier to make and is quite often easier to conceal than the other type of denture as the materials are all colour matched to your mouth.

Advantages of all plastic dentures

The main advantage of the all plastic denture is that it can be easily added to it if you lose another tooth in future. This means you will not need to have an entirely new denture made each time something changes in your mouth. All plastic dentures can be placed immediately after you have had a tooth removed. Gum and bone round the sight of the extraction will change shape very rapidly or for the first six months. So any new denture will not fit so well in this area after this time, however an all plastic denture can easily have an new lining added to it to deal with this problem.

Disadvantages of all plastic dentures

The biggest disadvantage of the all plastic denture is that it feels quite bulky in the mouth and that it rests exclusively on your gums. This means that the amount of biting force which you can use with plastic denture is limited. Numerous studies have shown that even the best fitting dentures of this type move a little bit during use.

Metal and Plastic Dentures Partial (removable bridges)

The second type of denture has a metal base this type of denture is often referred to as the cobalt chrome denture or removable bridge. Because the base of the denture is made of metal it can be designed to partially or completely rest on your teeth. This will allow you to bite more firmly on to the denture and can fulfilling help to make it feel more secure.

Advantage of Metal and Plastic Dentures

The main advantage of a cobalt chrome denture is that it can be made to rest on your teeth, this means that you'll be able to exert much greater of biting forces on your new denture and as a result will probably feel much more confident that it will not move in public. In addition because metal is stronger than plastic the base of the denture can be much thinner and more slimline this usually means that the denture feels like less of a mouthful.

Disadvantages Metal and Plastic Dentures

The framework of a cobalt chrome denture is made from metal this means that in certain circumstances people might be able to see metal present in your mouth. For some patients this can be a disadvantage. There are however newer designs and materials which can eliminate the problem. The fit of this type of denture is very accurate which does make you feel more secure and confident when wearing it. If you lose another tooth at a later date, it can be very difficult to have this added on to the existing denture. Generally speaking this type of device is best suited to patients with good tooth brushing and flossing.

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Full Dentures

Full dentures are a separate subject in their own right and only a full denture wearer will really understand the challenges that can come with these, so if you still have some of your own teeth feel free to skip this section.

Loose lower dentures

We offer a range of bespoke full dentures that can be tailored to address specific problems (eg problems chewing) or appearance. Lower dentures are traditionally trickier to wear and in particular have a reputation for being loose / moving during treatment. We have a lower denture stabilisation procedure that specifically addresses this problem. Using just 2 implants and small attachments that work in a similar way to clothing press stud fasteners we can transform the stability and security of your lower denture. Over the last 10 years we have really improved the comfort and enjoyment that many patients experience when eating with this technique.



Cosmetic Dentures

Our cosmetic dentures are made with great attention to getting exactly the look you want. This is done as a multi stage process where

- we use premium quality denture teeth that are individually characterised
- you have a choice of hundreds of shapes and shads of teeth, don't worry though we can guide you through the tooth selection process
- the set up of your teeth is checked in the surgery with you
- adjustments are made to each individual tooth as necessary
- a final preview is created made for your approval
- the final denture is made with your bespoke smile and hand shaded gum work thant most people even at close range would struggle to know was not real.

Costs

The cost depends primarily on your requirements and whether or not implants are involved. Most up to date fees are on our web site or better still book a free consultation with one of our team and we will be able to specific ideas and cost that relate exactly to your situation.