

Alternatives to Bridges

Treatment alternatives

When you're missing one or more teeth, you have several options. You could choose to:

- Try a partial denture
- Get implants
- Delay treatment
- Choose a bridge



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Trying a partial denture

A partial denture is a removable replacement for missing teeth. It may work well if several teeth are missing throughout your mouth because it fills in the spaces and restores your bite.

Getting implants

An implant with a crown can also replace a tooth, and it doesn't require us to work on the teeth next to the space. However, implants require surgery, and treatment time can be much longer.

Delaying treatment

If you delay treatment, the situation will only get worse. Teeth need each other for support. When one or more teeth are lost, the teeth on either side begin to shift position. In addition, when the opposing tooth no longer has anything to chew against, it can begin to extrude out of its socket. These changes can cause a variety of dental problems, and you could eventually lose additional teeth.

Choosing a dental bridge

A dental bridge is an excellent way to replace one or more missing teeth and restore stability to your mouth. A dental bridge is attached securely to the supporting teeth next to the space, and they're dependable and easy to care for. A bridge fills the space and restores your natural bite and smile.