



Dental Bridge (Fixed Partial Denture)



Overview

If you've lost a tooth, or even a few teeth next to each other, a dental bridge can fill in the gap. A bridge is a device that is permanently implanted in your mouth. It replaces the teeth you've lost. And it keeps your other teeth from moving out of position.

Traditional bridge

With a traditional bridge, replacement teeth are attached to two crowns. The crowns fit onto the teeth on both sides of the gap. These teeth must be filed down so the crowns can be cemented in place. The crowns support the replacement tooth.

Other types

Other styles of bridges can be attached in different ways. A bridge can be attached to a framework that's bonded to the nearby teeth. It can be attached to posts implanted in your jawbone. Or, if there's only one tooth next to the gap, it can be attached to that single tooth. Your dentist can help you choose a bridge that's right for your needs.

Care

After your bridge is implanted, it's important to keep it clean. You also need to keep the teeth around it clean and healthy so they stay strong and provide good support. So follow your dentist's instructions for brushing and flossing. With proper care, your bridge can last for many years.

Conclusion

Talk to your dentist to see if a dental bridge is the right way to restore your smile.