

## Dentures

Providing comfortable support and fitting, traditional dentures allow you to reform your smile at a lower, economical cost. Features of the traditional dentures include:

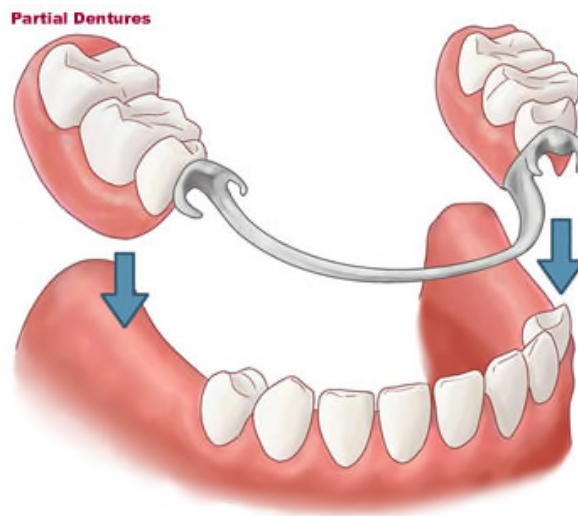
- Natural arrangement of teeth
- High-quality acrylic base plate
- A secure, comfortable fit
- Shaded to natural tooth appearance



## Partial Dentures

Removable partial dentures usually consist of replacement teeth attached to pink or gum-colored plastic bases. Depending on your needs, Dr. Lanza will design a partial denture for you. A partial denture may have a metal framework and clasps that connect to your teeth, or they can have other connectors that are more natural looking. In some cases, a removable partial denture is made to attach to your natural teeth with devices called precision attachments. Precision attachments are generally more esthetic than clasps.

Crowns on your natural teeth are sometimes needed to improve the fit of a removable partial denture and they are usually required with attachments. Partial dentures with precision attachments generally cost more than those with clasps. Consult with us find out which type is right for you.



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## Caring for your dentures

- Our office will recommend a denture cleaner. Look for denture cleansers with the American Dental Association Seal of Acceptance.
- When cleaning a partial denture, it's a good idea to stand over a folded towel or a sink of water just in case you accidentally drop the denture.
- Do not use toothpaste since it can be too harsh for cleaning dentures.
- Some people use hand soap or mild dishwashing liquid to clean their dentures, which are both acceptable. However, most household cleaners are too abrasive and should not be used for cleaning dentures.
- Brush the denture each day to remove food deposits and plaque. This helps the denture from becoming permanently stained.
- It's best to use a brush that is designed for cleaning dentures because it has bristles that are arranged to fit the shape of the denture. A regular, soft-bristled toothbrush is also acceptable.
- Avoid using a brush with hard bristles, which can damage the denture.
- Clean your dentures by thoroughly rinsing off loose food particles. Moisten the brush and apply the denture cleaner. Brush all denture surfaces gently to avoid damaging the plastic or bending the attachments.
- A denture could lose its proper shape if it is not kept moist. At night, the denture should be placed in soaking solution or water. Your dentist can recommend the proper method for keeping your dentures in good shape.
- Don't chew, swallow, or gargle with denture cleansers.
- Always thoroughly rinse the denture before placing it in your mouth.