

# Alternatives to Bridges

## Treatment alternatives

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

- ❖ try a partial denture.
- ❖ get implants.
- ❖ choose a bridge.
- ❖ delay treatment.



*Shifting teeth*



*Bridge seated in place*



*A dental bridge fills the space*

## 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. Implants stop bone loss and require surgery. Treatment time is somewhat longer.

## 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 bridge is a natural replacement that is attached securely to the supporting teeth. They are dependable, easy to care for, and they look great.

## Delaying treatment

If you choose to do nothing, your teeth will shift, your bite will change, and you will eventually lose additional teeth. That is why we recommend an option such as a bridge. A bridge will fill the space and restore your natural bite and smile.