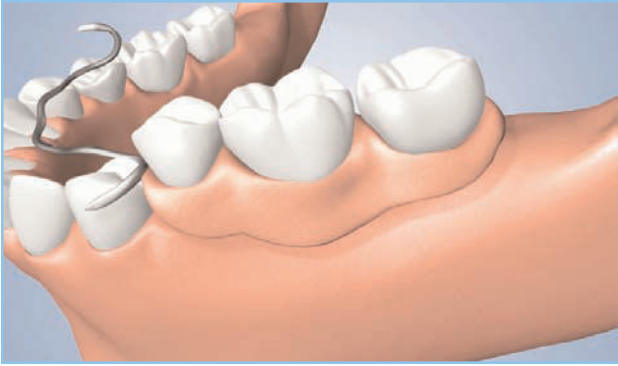


# MULTIPLE TOOTH LOSS - TREATMENT OPTIONS

If you have lost several teeth, there are various treatment options available.



**One option involves the fabrication and placement of a partial denture.**

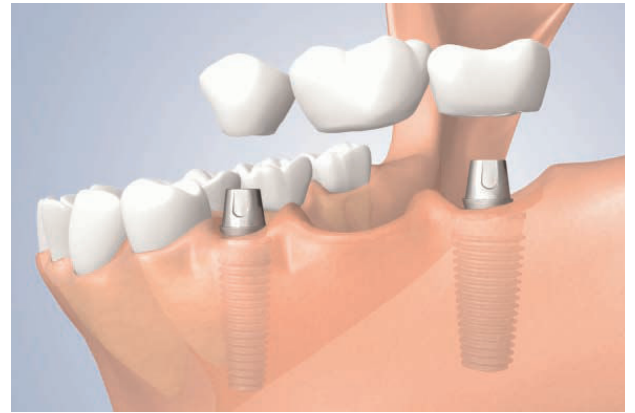
A partial denture sits over the gums with a framework that provides minor stability. The partial denture lacks a secure connection and without tooth roots to stimulate the bone, the jawbone in that area will begin to shrink.

The partial denture will then move and shift because the shape of the jawbone has changed, causing the fitted denture to loosen.

Overtime this movement will irritate the surrounding gums, causing pain and discomfort

**A second option, known as a fixed implant bridge, involves the placement of 2 dental implants.**

The implants provide stability and stimulate the surrounding bone to prevent significant bone loss. Attached crowns are then fabricated and connected to the implants with a center crown that sits over the gums. Over time minor bone loss may be experienced below the crown where no implant is placed.



**A third option, involves the placement of 3 dental implants. Each implant replaces a missing tooth root. Crowns are then fabricated and placed over the implants.**

This option virtually eliminates bone loss, providing you a stable treatment that most closely resembles the design of natural teeth.



**A fourth option involves the placement of four dental implants.**

If there is adequate space, an additional implant may be placed to help reduce further bone loss and improve the distribution of biting forces.

