



# Alternatives to Overdentures

For your dental health.

## What are your alternatives to overdentures?

Some of the alternatives to an overdenture are:

- An immediate denture
- Implants
- Partial dentures
- Delaying treatment

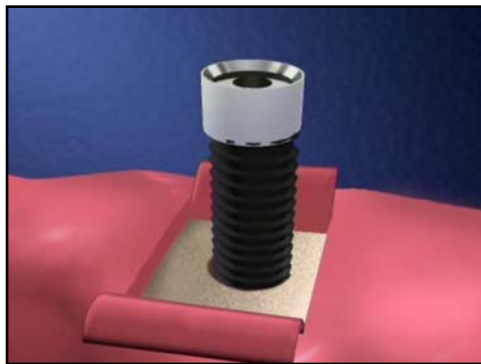
### Immediate denture

Taking all of your teeth out and making an immediate denture may be an alternative to an overdenture.



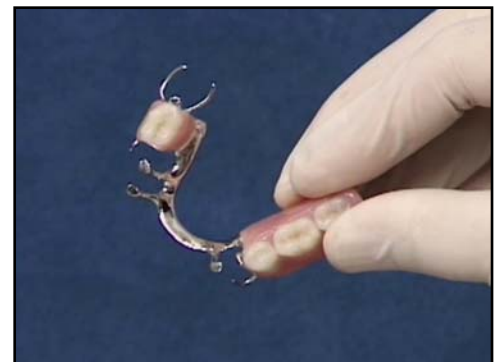
*Immediate denture*

### Implants



*A dental implant being inserted*

An implant is a small metal cylinder that's surgically inserted into the bone of the jaw to replace the roots of missing teeth. Implants would make your new denture much more stable, and they also slow the bone loss that occurs after teeth are removed.



*Partial denture*

### Partial denture

Another alternative to overdentures is using the remaining teeth to anchor a partial denture.

### Delaying treatment

Unless you're in a lot of pain, you might decide to leave your teeth as they are, at least for now. But delaying treatment can be a risky alternative. If your teeth and gums are infected, they will never heal on their own. They'll just keep getting worse. Infections of the teeth and gums can lead to further tooth loss and can drag down your body's immune system, affecting your entire body.

### Choosing overdentures

Whenever teeth are removed, the bone in your jaw begins to recede. If we leave some of the roots of the teeth in place and place an overdenture, we can slow bone loss significantly and give you a more stable denture.