

Removable partial dentures have a long history of economically replacing missing teeth. While partials should be removed at night while sleeping, in the waking hours they can give excellent esthetics and function, even if many teeth are missing. If a patient has a few remaining teeth with strong bone support, a partial denture is usually preferable to removing the remaining teeth and making a full denture. This is because the roots of the remaining teeth lend support and stability to the denture, causing it to stay in place better and allowing better chewing function.