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# Dentures

**Also called:** False teeth

Dentures are false teeth made to replace teeth you have lost. They can be complete or partial. Complete dentures cover your entire upper or lower jaw. Partial dentures replace one or a few teeth.

Dentures may feel strange at first. Speaking and eating may feel different. Be careful when wearing dentures because they may make it harder for you to feel hot foods and liquids. Also, you may not notice biting on a bone from your food.

In the beginning, your dentist may want to see you often to make sure the dentures fit. Over time, your mouth will change and you may need to have your dentures adjusted or replaced. Be sure to let your dentist handle these adjustments.

If your dentures move too much in your mouth, denture adhesive may help. In some cases, your dentist may suggest that you switch to dental implants. They are permanent, and they replace both the roots and teeth.



Keep your dentures clean and free from food that can cause stains, bad breath, or swollen gums. Brush them every day with a denture care product. Take your dentures out of your mouth at night, and put them in water or a denture-cleansing liquid.

*NIH: National Institute on Aging*

## Learn More

- Dental Implant Surgery [<https://myoms.org/what-we-do/dental-implant-surgery/>] (American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons)
- Denture Adhesives [<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/dental-devices/denture-adhesives>] (Food and Drug Administration)
- Denture problems [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/002037.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/002037.htm>]
- Panoramic Dental X-Ray [<https://www.radiologyinfo.org/en/info/panoramic-xray>] (American College of Radiology; Radiological Society of North America)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.radiologyinfo.org/es/info/panoramic-xray>]
- Peri-Implant Diseases [<https://www.perio.org/for-patients/periodontal-treatments-and-procedures/dental-implant-procedures/peri-implant-diseases/>] (American Academy of Periodontology)
- Taking Care of Your Teeth and Mouth [<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/teeth-and-mouth/taking-care-your-teeth-and-mouth>]  (National Institute on Aging)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.nia.nih.gov/espanol/dientes/cuidado-dientes-boca>]

## Clinical Trials

- ClinicalTrials.gov: Dental Implants [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?intr=%22dental+implants%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)
- ClinicalTrials.gov: Dentures [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?intr=dentures&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)

# Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Evaluating the Antimicrobial Properties of Different Dental Cleaning Tablets Against S....  
[<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40741849>]
- Article: Complications in implant-supported full-arch immediate prostheses: a Brazilian retrospective, observational, longitudinal... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40741810>]
- Article: Expert consensus on digital restoration of complete dentures. [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40739137>]
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- Dental Health [<https://medlineplus.gov/dentalhealth.html>]
- Tooth Disorders [<https://medlineplus.gov/toothdisorders.html>]

## National Institutes of Health

The primary NIH organization for research on *Dentures* is the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research [<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/>]

## Other Languages

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