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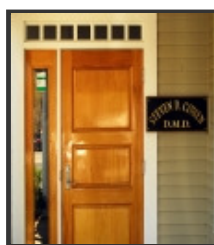
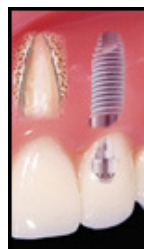
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### Replacing Several Teeth

Missing teeth can affect more than a person's appearance. Missing teeth affect a person's ability to chew properly and may affect the ability to pronounce certain letters. Multiple missing teeth can be replaced in several ways:

1. The traditional replacement, especially if multiple teeth are missing on the left and right side of the mouth, are removable dental partial dentures. Partial dentures have plastic (acrylic) parts that replace the gums and teeth, and metal clasps (hooks) that anchor on existing teeth to help stabilize the partial. Partial dentures are a cost effective way to replace many teeth.
2. Dental bridges are more aesthetic and more functional than partial dentures, however, they require the presence of healthy teeth on both sides of the space created by the missing teeth.

3. The state-of-the-art replacement for single or multiple missing teeth are dental implants. Dental implants are artificial metal roots that are surgically placed in the bone. These roots are used to hold permanent dental crowns (figure 1). The result is both functional and aesthetic.



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