

Our Mission Statement:

“Our aim is to deliver the highest standard of care in a comfortable and friendly environment”



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we'll take care of you

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Wheelchair access is available



Tell me about

Bridges



What is a bridge?

Bridges replace missing teeth using crowns or metal 'wings' supported on the teeth either side of the space. There are different types.

Traditional/ conventional bridges involve creating a crown either side of the missing tooth with a pontic (false tooth) in between .



Cantilever Bridges involve creating a crown on only one side of the missing tooth.



Maryland Bridges also known as resin bonded bridges are made by supporting the missing tooth by metal wings on the adjacent teeth, this is the less invasive of procedures as little

tooth surface is removed in preparation. They can be made of porcelain bonded to precious metal or ceramics.



Can I always have a bridge to replace missing teeth?

Bridges are only possible if you have strong teeth with good bone support. Bridges aren't given to young patients until the teeth and jaws are fully developed.

Can I have a bridge fitted straight after having a tooth removed?

It can often take up to 6 months for the gums to heal properly after an extraction. This means that you may need to wait before the bridge is fitted.

How is a bridge prepared?

The dentist will prepare the tooth by removing most of the outer layer of tooth, leaving the strong inner core. An impression will be taken of both your top and bottom teeth to make sure your teeth will bite together with your new bridge. These impressions will be sent to a dental laboratory for the bridge to be made, this can take 1 to 2 weeks.

A temporary bridge may be fitted over your prepared tooth whilst you are waiting for the new bridge to be made, this may look or feel different but it is only a temporary measure.

How is the bridge fitted?

The bridge will be shown to you and once you and your dentist are happy with the fit and appearance, it will be fixed in place with a cement or adhesive.

What will it cost?

Costs will vary according to the size and type of bridge you need. You will be given a treatment plan before beginning any dental treatment.

How do I care for my bridge?

Properly cared for bridges should last for many years as long as the teeth and gums are maintained by both the patient and dentist. Brush for two minutes twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste and clean in between your teeth with 'interdental' brushes or floss. You must also clean under the false tooth every day. Your dentist or hygienist will show you how to use super floss.

No guarantee can be given and they may need to be replaced in time. Your dentist will advise if there are reasons which may shorten the lifespan of your bridge.

What are the risks?

- There may be post operative discomfort, short term irritation of the nerve tissue causing sensitivity to heat, cold or pressure.
- Irreversible irritation requiring additional treatment including root canal treatment.
- Bridge de-cementing, food trapping and infection.
- Failure of treatment.