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M A R K E T R A S E N

MISSING TEETH

Q Why should I replace missing teeth?

A Your appearance is one reason. Another is that the gap left by a missing tooth can mean greater strain on the teeth at either side.

A gap can also mean your 'bite' is affected, because the teeth next to the space can lean into



the gap and alter the way the upper and lower teeth bite together. This can then lead to food getting packed into the gap, which causes both decay and gum disease.

Q How are missing teeth replaced?

A This depends on the number of teeth missing and on where they are in the mouth. The condition of the other teeth also affects the decision.

There are 3 main ways to replace the missing teeth. The first & highest quality way is with a dental implant, the 2nd is with a fixed bridge & the 3rd is with a removable false tooth or teeth – a partial denture. An Implant restores chewing function completely & is the longest lasting



solution. A bridge is usually used where there are fewer teeth to replace, or when the missing teeth are only on one side of the mouth. A partial can be useful