

# Temporary Partial Denture (flipper)

A temporary removable denture or flipper may be recommended as a temporary option for replacing teeth.

Impressions for a flipper are taken prior to extractions. After the flipper is made and the lab has returned the appliance you may make an appointment to extract the tooth/teeth. **This is important**; the flipper will be delivered to you at the time the teeth are extracted so you will have a replacement for the tooth/teeth removed. We will take impressions for a removable partial denture or restore an implant once you have fully healed. As many as 3 adjustments may be needed. Any further or future adjustments will be charged a fee.

A flipper is not intended to be worn for a prolonged period of time. It is typically worn while you are healing from an extraction(s) or before an implant restoration is placed. Prolonged wear can damage the bone and promote premature bone loss.

Make sure you remove your flipper **every night** and **clean it** by brushing it with a toothbrush and storing in the container provided. Mouthwash is occasionally used to keep flipper clean and fresh.

A flipper should be worn as often possible as it eases the transition of getting used to a removable appliance and maintains the space of shifting teeth. It can also make eating easier if multiple teeth are missing and can replace a front tooth for aesthetics. Talking and chewing may be difficult at first.

It is important to replace missing teeth because problems can occur. Sensitivity occurs when a tooth supraerupts or continuously drops down so it can have something to bite against. Extracting teeth can cause bone loss, TMJ (jaw joint) problems, and gum disease which can lead to further extractions. Restoring the tooth/teeth is recommended if possible.

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