

# What Are The Types And Procedures Of A Dental Bridge?

If you are facing dental health issues causing missing teeth that will affect your smile eventually. One of the effective solutions to resolve this issue is a **dental bridge**. It is a permanent solution as it consists of a permanent device made up of several pieces' fusion to get fitted into the open space replacing the missing tooth. It includes one or more fake teeth called pontics. Pontics are supported by two or more crown abutments on both sides of it.

To fill the open space caused by the missing tooth, a professional constructs an artificial tooth similar in shape and size to the natural missing tooth. After that he/she will put a crown to keep the artificial tooth in its place.



## Types Of Dental Bridges:

There are mainly three types of bridges:

### **Traditional bridges:**

It is the most commonly used bridge, it comprises two more dental crowns and a fake tooth. It may be possible that there will be more than one false tooth that is added to the abutting crowns. The numbers of false teeth depend on the number of missing teeth.

### **Cantilever bridges:**

**Cantilever Bridge Dental** is not so common in use nowadays. It is used when the missing tooth adjoins next to a tooth only on one side. The type of bridge requires only one dental crown. In this type, the pontic is situated outside of the adjoined teeth because it can put too much pressure on other teeth, causing damage to it.

### **Maryland bonded bridges or resin-bonded bridges:**

This type of bridge is designed to replace missing teeth in front of the mouth. It is manufactured with porcelain mixed with metal held by a metal framework. The wings attached to the artificial tooth can be manufactured of several kinds of materials including gold, alloys, or porcelain. If you have to replace your front teeth, the dentist will recommend porcelain because it can be matched to a person's natural teeth color.



### **Dental Bridge Procedure:**

You will require at least two dental visits to get a dental bridge.

When the decision is made for a dental bridge, the professional dentist will prepare the abutment teeth for the crowns to hold the bridge in place. The abutment teeth are manufactured with some eliminated section of the enamel so that there can be enough room for the crown to be added over them. After that, he/she will make an impression of the teeth by using a soft putty-like substance matching with the exact outline of the teeth. Then he/she will prepare a mold of the teeth in which the bridge will be constructed in the dental lab. The dental lab uses the mold to make the permanent bridge. Till then, the dentist will place a temporary bridge over the abutment teeth to save them until the permanent crown is constructed by the dental lab.

During the next appointment with the dentist, he/she will remove the temporary crown, and then he/she will check that the permanent crowns are made with proper fitting. Then, he/she will cement in place using a strong long-lasting material. After that, the [Dental Crown Procedure](#) to be sure that they are not too high to the patient's bite and if it is, will make some adjustments.

**Dental bridge cost** can be varied with your insurance plan as it can reduce the cost significantly. But most often the cost may range between \$300 and \$1,000 for a bridge to replace a single tooth.