

# Dr. Little's Dental News

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## LOOSELY SPEAKING

When patients are fitted with artificial replacements for all their teeth ("dentures") or just some of their teeth ("partials"), they should look for signs of loosening or irritation. The fact is that areas of the jaw without teeth tend to shrink over time. As a result of this loss of bone, dentures and partials made to fit the area may become loose. This problem may be addressed by relining them with new material; however, sometimes the dentures and partials may need to be replaced. In any case, ignoring loose-fitting dentures and partials can shift pressure to other areas, thereby causing gum irritation and accelerated bone loss. Changes in the fit of

dentures and partials should not be ignored.

One of our basic philosophies is that our patients must recognize the need to take charge of their dental health and do what is necessary to prevent, arrest, or control their own dental conditions. We'll work together as a team with you to achieve the long-term benefits that quality dentistry affords. From sound advice about dentures and partials to routine well visits to major dental reconstructions, we've got your dental needs covered.

P.S. If dentures and partials require increasingly more denture adhesive to stay in place, it is likely a sign that they need to be adjusted.

*Dr. Little provides quality family and cosmetic dentistry.*

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