

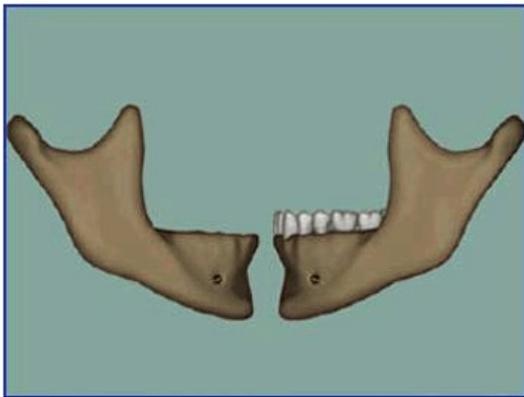
## If you are missing teeth, you are losing jaw bone structure!

If you have worn a denture for a few years, you already know about bone loss. The reason your denture doesn't fit like a year ago, is that you don't have the same jaw bone structure to support it. When you go back to the dentist they reline it, and then a year later (or sooner) you are back again.

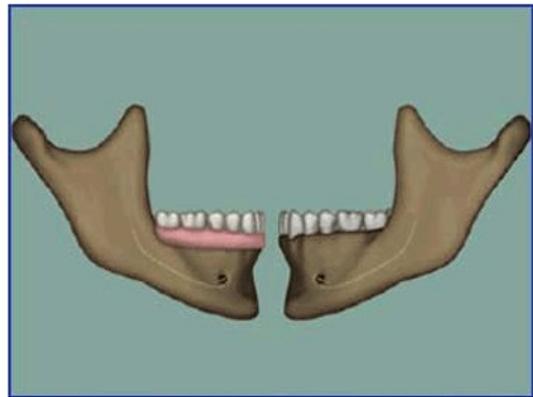
Major bone loss as a result of wearing a denture is not a myth. You witness it each time your denture doesn't fit as well as it did just months before. The denture structure didn't change, your jaw bone did! If you continue to wait you will lose enough bone that you will never be able to get a denture to fit satisfactorily. Think about it. Once enough jaw bone is gone, what will the denture anchor to? If you think it will get better down the road, think again. The more bone you lose the worse your denture experience will be. Less bone means you will have fewer options if any for a permanent replacement.

Talk a dentist and find out if you are a candidate for dental implants. This procedure will stop the bone loss NOW!

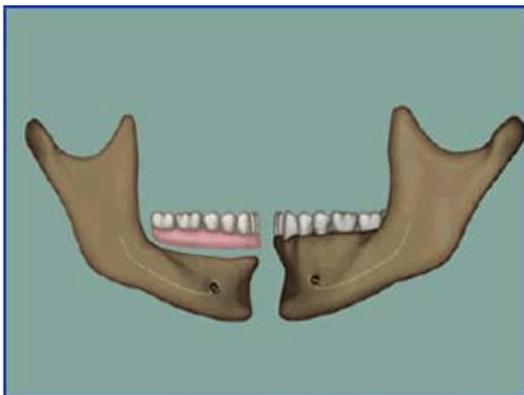
### Effects on the Jaw Bone by Wearing a Full Denture



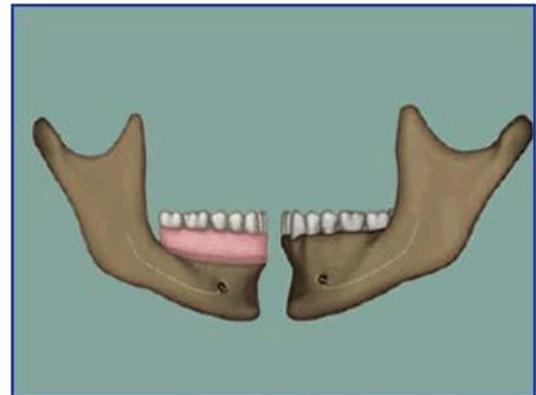
Loss of the teeth



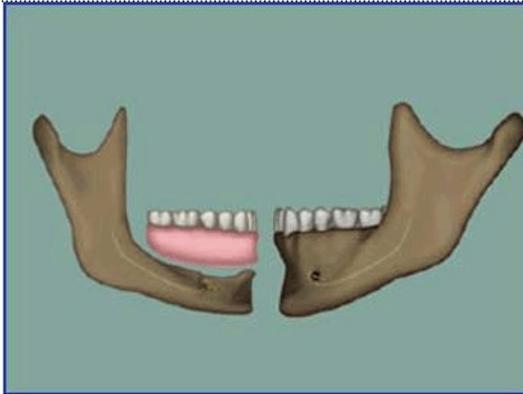
In goes the dentures  
*(up to 40% of the jaw bone is lost within  
the first 6 months)*



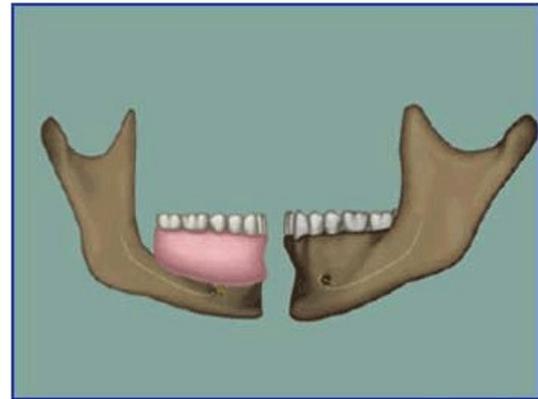
Continual "pounding" of the jaw bone causes more jaw bone to be lost. The "denture" is made bigger with either a relining or a new denture as the bone disappears. The "denture" is again too loose now that more bone has dissolved.



Once again, the denture is made bigger to compensate for the missing bone.



And, yet again the bone has continued to go away. Notice the small circle. That is where the nerve that normally runs deep inside the jaw becoming exposed and laying just beneath the gum tissue.



Finally, once the nerve is exposed and the denture is relined again, the denture puts pressure onto the exposed nerve causing pain or numbness —ouch!