

Consent for Complete and Partial Dentures

Complete and partial dentures are removable artificial devices that replace the teeth, oral mucosa (gums) and underlying bony structures. Since they are artificial, they are limited in function compared to natural teeth.

Many patients seek dentures because they are tired of problems with their natural teeth. You must understand that while you will no longer suffer from dental decay or abscesses you may have denture-related complications of shrinking gums, poor chewing ability, altered speech, reduced taste, and constant denture movement.

Our goal is to attempt to minimize these problems but they will always be present to a certain degree. Dentures become loose as you wear them due to normal changes in the shape of underlying tissue and bone. Dentures that become loose will require refitting or relining. There is an additional fee charged for relining. The fabrication of complete dentures usually takes several appointments. Sometimes extra appointments are necessary to make corrections.

Please critique the trial dentures for any changes that you feel are necessary to make the denture acceptable for you. We will honour any reasonable request but ask that all changes be made before the dentures are processed and placed. Changes made after denture placement will be at your expense.

After the denture is finished you will have 6 months of adjustments if needed, with no charge.

There is a charge if the denture needs to be relined due to shrinking gums. Care that needs to be done after six months, including the recall visit, will require your responsibility of payment.

To begin treatment, you will have to pay half the full cost of the Removable Prosthesis when work is started. The other half is due at your fit appointment, usually one week before placement.

The difficulties and problems associated with wearing dentures have been presented to me, along with my treatment plan. These issues include, but are not limited to:

- Difficulties with speaking and/or eating
- Food under dentures
- Functional problems
- Loose dentures
- Lack of retention
- Need for adhesives
- Feeling of fullness
- Saliva production
- Effect(s) of poor ridge shape and form.
- The need for Future Relines
- The need for regular remakes

Certain medications may decrease the amount of saliva produced resulting in an increase in sore spots and more difficulties adapting to the dentures. Some denture patients may experience an excessive amount of saliva initially but this usually returns to normal.

I hereby consent to complete/partial dentures.

Approximate Cost _____

Name of Patient _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Patient/Parent/Guardian)