

What is an Immediate Denture?

An immediate denture is a dental prosthesis constructed to replace the lost teeth and associated structures of the upper and/or lower arch which is inserted immediately following removal of the teeth.



POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTION & CARE

- 24 hours after extraction, remove and clean dentures with a non-abrasive denture cleaner.
- Rinse mouth with a warm (salt water) solution to promote healing.
- Expect swelling and discomfort. The dentures may not seat fully especially if sutures are needed at the time of surgery.
- Use Oxyfresh dental gel provided. Clean denture and dry it off then apply a thin layer inside prior to inserting the denture. This will speed the healing and make the denture more comfortable with its cooling action. (There are no numbing agents in the ingredients, only Vitamin E, Aloe Vera, Zinc and Folic Acid.
- Take medication (if any prescribed).
- Eat a high calorie, soft food diet. Refrain from drinking through a straw for the first 3-4 days if upper extractions were completed.
- It takes 1-6 weeks for your extraction sites to heal sufficiently to allow the placement of a temporary liner called a "tissue conditioner".
- Once the tissue has completely healed (which may take anywhere from six (6) months to one (1) year), only then should a permanent relin be done. After that the denture should be relined every 1.5 - 3 years.
- Since the time and the severity of the healing process varies from patient to patient, additional temporary linings beyond the three included and the permanent relin is the financial responsibility of the patient and are not included in the cost of the denture(s).
- We are only a phone call away and any of our staff would be happy to answer any questions or concerns.

ADVANTAGES

SOCIAL

Patient can carry on both business and social obligations without interruption. Be able to walk into the dentist office with their natural teeth and confidently walk out of the office immediately wearing the new denture(s).

PHYSIOLOGICAL

The immediate complete denture contributes to the physical health of the patient in the following ways:

- Controls bleeding and swelling - the denture acts as a bandage/splint.
- Protects against trauma - lessens pain and prevents irritation from the outside environment and tongue.
- Promotes better ridge maintenance by avoiding excessive resorption.
- Prevents loss of muscle action and tissue tone. Wearing an immediate denture keeps facial muscles intact while maintaining the vertical distance desired to deter premature aging/wrinkles which occur when one does not wear a denture.
- Allows patient to continue with daily routine and confidently carry on conversing with friends and acquaintances without being self-conscious. Able to proudly smile!
- Maintains normal speech and tongue habits.
- Inter-jaw relations can be more accurately recorded and maintained.
- Prevents possible TMJ (Temporomandibular Joint) disorders.
- Ability to return to chewing foods to aid in proper digestion.

DISADVANTAGES

Although the advantages of immediate dentures exceed the disadvantages, they are not of such magnitude that the technical procedures can be overlooked.

The primary disadvantages are:

- More office visits required, especially during adjustment period. Tissue conditioners are often necessary to refit the tissue side while healing undergoes. Tissue conditioner material is only temporary and should not be left inside the denture(s) for more than 6 months. The porous nature of this material will hold bacteria and yeast and will break down, peel away and cause denture odours and possible medical implications systemically. It is suggested to ensure a permanent relin be completed after 12 months post extraction.
- As a result of the denture being made using the model(s) from the impressions of your natural teeth, a Wax Try-In appointment cannot be completed. The Denturist and patient cannot confirm the aesthetics (tooth arrangement, speech, shade and lip support.) We can only assess the appearance at the time of insertion, immediately after the extractions of the remaining natural teeth.
- Less accuracy due to the large amount of bone change that occurs during the healing phase. In some cases, there may be so much bone shrinkage that the denture(s) may need to be reset or be remade to ensure the denture teeth are aligned on top of the underlying bone structures. Proper denture tooth alignment prevents denture instability and fractures/breakage. This cost is not included in the immediate denture cost and would be the responsibility of the patient.



Operating Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Closed from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm for lunch

