

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. It is important to be aware 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 aim 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 this.

The fabrication of 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.

The difficulties and problems associated with wearing dentures 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
- Excess 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.