

Denture Consent Form

Patient Information and Consent Form

- 1. I have been informed that I have a need for dentures. I have been advised of my treatment options, including the option of no treatment. I understand even with the most exact fit, complete dentures can sometimes be annoying and not ideal. I understand that the doctors will use the latest techniques, materials, and laboratories to deliver the best custom denture possible. The doctors will also discuss alternative treatment if necessary.
- 2. I have been informed of the difficulties of fit, function and comfort of complete dentures.
- 3. The doctor and team have explained the best way for me to have good function and even greater retention is with an *implant retained denture*. I have decided I do not want to have the *implant retained denture* at this time and I will accept the best the doctor can do with a typical custom denture. I also understand that within the next three years if I decide to have an *implant retained denture* made at this office I will be credited back half of the cost of this denture.
- 4. I realize the final opportunity to make changes in my new dentures (including shape, fit, size, placement, and color) will be the "teeth in wax" try in visit.
- 5. I understand that most dentures require relining approximately three to twelve months after initial placement. The cost for this procedure is not included in the initial denture fee.
- 6. After impressions, there will be subsequent wax appointments 2 weeks apart where teeth are set in wax to imitate a functional and esthetic denture for patient's approval.
- 7. At wax appointment the wax denture is usually more bulky and is not necessarily tight fitting. Also, you may experience gagging, difficult speaking, salivating, and some muscle shrinkage around the mouth.
- 8. Dentures will not be processed without the patient's approval, however, multiple try-in appointments will delay the time it take for you to receive dentures. During this period, you may experience some bone spurs working themselves out slowly, uneven gum ridges, areas of depressions and soreness. The ridges will eventually smooth out but may take from 6 months to 1 year.
- 9. The continued shrinkage of the gum ridges will loosen the new dentures and denture adhesives are recommended.
- 10. At denture seating you will again feel gag reflex, speech difficult, discomfort, or denture looseness if further shrinkage since impression date.
- 11. You may have sore spots that need to be relieved or a soft liner to aid in tissue healing. You are urged to return ASAP for denture adjustments.
- 12. Within 6 months to 1 year it is recommended that you return for a permanent hard reline to compensate for further bone loss and recare exams for oral cancer screening.

The following items apply to patients that require oral surgery before dentures:

- 13. All teeth necessary for fitting of dentures are usually removed in one appointment, sometime impacted teeth may be left in until they erupt at a later date.
- 14. The gums are usually flapped back during surgery, and the bone ridge is smoothed to reduce potential healing problems and "sore areas". Antibacterial rinse is used to disinfect before suturing.
- 15. Dissolvable sutures placed after surgery will dissolve within 2-3 weeks, sometimes it will feel like the inside of cheek is sewn with the gums due to tight suturing.
- 16. You will be prescribed an antibiotic and pain medication for the healing period. Post-op noncompliance and smoking may cause further delay. The general time frame is usually 4-6 weeks before we take impressions for dentures.
- 17. The total time you will go without teeth from surgery appointment to denture seating can vary from 2-43 months, depending on healing time, and number of wax appointments.

Signature of Doctor	Signature of Patient
Witness	If the patient is unable to sign or is a minor. (Signature of parent or legal guardian)
Date	Relationship to Patient