

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 doctor will use the latest techniques, materials and laboratories to deliver the best custom denture possible. The doctor 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 3 to 12 months after initial placement. The cost for this procedure is not included in the initial denture fee.
- 6. After impressions, there will typically be a subsequent wax appointment around 2 to 3 weeks later where teeth are set in a wax model to imitate a functional and esthetic denture for patient's approval.
- 7. At wax try in appointments, the wax denture is usually bulkier and is not necessarily tight fitting. Also, you may temporarily experience gagging, difficulty speaking, salivating and some muscle shrinkage around the mouth.
- 8. Dentures will not be processed without the patient's approval; however, please be aware that multiple try-in appointments will delay the time it takes for you to receive dentures. During this period, you may experience some bone spurs working themselves out slowly. Uneven gum ridges, areas of depression and soreness. The ridges will eventually smooth out but may take from 6 months to 1 year to do so.
- 9. The continued shrinkage of the gum ridges can make the dentures feel loose and denture adhesives are recommended.
- 10. When you try in the denture upon delivery, you may again experience a gag reflex, speech difficulty, discomfort or denture looseness if further shrinkage has occurred since the 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. All adjustments needed within the first 6 months of denture delivery are complimentary. After that point in time, there will be a fee for any adjustments needed. Please note, you cannot adjust a denture yourself as that can compromise the denture and make us unable to perform further adjustments in office.
- 13. Within 6 months to 1 year, it is recommended that you return for a permanent hard reline to compensate for further bone loss and recall exams for oral cancer screening.

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

- 14. All teeth necessary for fitting of dentures are usually removed in one appointment; sometimes impacted teeth may be left in until they erupt later on.
- 15. 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.
- 16. Dissolvable sutures placed after surgery will dissolve within 2-3 weeks; sometimes it will feel like the inside of the cheek is sewn with the gums due to tight suturing and the doctor may choose to set up a suture removal appointment.
- 17. 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 before we take impressions is usually 4-6 weeks.
- 18. The total time you will go without teeth from surgery appointment to denture delivery can vary from 2-25 weeks depending on healing time and the number of wax try in appointments.
 Signature of Doctor

 Signature of Witness

Signature of Poctor

Signature of Witness

Relationship to Patient (if signed by Legal Guardian)

Date