

CONSENT FOR COMPLETE/PARTIAL DENTURES

I understand that at least 2 to 4 appointments will be required to fabricate my dentures, starting with the first appointment to make diagnostic casts. If there have been recent tooth extractions, I understand that denture fabrication cannot begin until a minimum of 3 weeks following tooth removal to allow for adequate healing time. Additional appointments may be required for denture relines or remakes.

I'm aware that there may be delays in the fabrication and delivery of my dentures due to:

- The need for additional healing time (3 weeks or more is the recommended healing time) due to my own individual healing response.
- The need for additional surgeries -- i.e., alveoplasty (bone shaping) and tuberosity procedures -- which will require additional healing time.
- Holidays and academic breaks.
- Scheduling conflicts in obtaining a prosthodontic screening and other appointments.

Difficulties and problems associated with wearing dentures have been presented to me, along with my treatment plan. I understand that each person is unique and success with dentures cannot be compared to others' denture experience. These issues include, but are not limited to:

- Difficulties with speaking and/or eating
- Food under dentures
- Functional problems: it is the patient's responsibility to learn to manage their dentures to become successful with eating and speaking.
- Abnormal tongue position or tongue movements during speech or non-functional habits will generally cause an unstable lower denture. It is the patient's responsibility to break these habits.
- Loose dentures (particularly with lower dentures)
- Lack of retention (more common with upper dentures, but can be an issue with lower dentures as well)
- Certain medications may decrease the amount of saliva produced resulting in an increase in sore spots and more difficulties adapting to the dentures.
- Anatomical conditions specific to each patient will have a direct effect on the retention and stability of his or her dentures and affect the learning curve for eating and speaking
- The need for future relines and remakes of either immediate or conventional dentures.
- Subsequent to complete bone healing, a new denture may be required due to tooth positioning requirements. Occasionally this requires the opposing denture to be remade as well.
- Minor adjustments and temporary (tissue conditioning) reline may be required with immediate dentures and are included in the immediate denture fee, but only for a period of 6 months.

There will be a charge for any laboratory relines or remakes determined necessary due to continued ridge resorption (shrinkage) or bone loss following delayed construction of dentures. I will be charged for a reline or denture remake when it is required due to the continued physiologic bone resorption of the ridge. The average denture usually requires a laboratory reline or remake at least once every four years due to functional wear and/or continued bone resorption. I have been informed that this bone loss will continue throughout my lifetime making subsequent denture construction more difficult, less satisfying, and less comfortable for me than my previous denture experience.

I am aware that dentures are not real teeth. I have been told that dentures should not be considered a replacement for teeth, but a replacement for no teeth. I am also aware that at best, I will end up with about 15-20% efficiency as compared to my natural teeth.

I have been fully informed of the fees and problems associated with complete dentures, the alternative treatments available, and the necessity for follow-up care. I have had an opportunity to ask any questions I may have in connection with the treatment and fees. After thorough consideration, I consent to complete dentures as presented to me during consultation and in the treatment plan presentation.

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Patient signature

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Patient Name

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Date

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Doctor Signature

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Date