

Immediate Dentures



You've been advised that you need an immediate denture. But what is it and how is it done? This information will help to explain the concepts and answer questions you might have regarding this type of denture. Your Denturist can guide you as to when the situation warrants immediate dentures.

WHEN IS AN IMMEDIATE DENTURE USED?

To avoid the situation of being without teeth, your Denturist will implement the immediate denture technique.

This involves taking impressions of your mouth while your natural teeth are still present. The Denturist is then able to fabricate a denture in the likeness of your natural teeth, or make any necessary modifications you may wish.

When your natural teeth are extracted, your immediate denture is then inserted. In this technique, you have avoided having to go without any teeth while you go through the healing process.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IMMEDIATE DENTURES

Since the Denturist is unable to try-in the denture prior to extracting your teeth, certain esthetic compromises may be necessary. This doesn't present any significant problems, and the results are normally quite good.

It is important to follow the postoperative instructions of your Denturist or Oral Surgeon very carefully.

As healing occurs, the oral tissues recede so denture adjustments may be required. Follow-up appointments with your Denturist are necessary. To maintain the best fit and comfort, a temporary liner or tissue conditioner may be placed in the denture. During the next few months, bone and gum tissue will probably continue to shrink to some degree; however, the rate of change decreases with time. This is a natural occurrence, which is to be expected. After the healing process is complete, either a new permanent full denture(s) will be made or your denture(s) will be relined or rebased to ensure the most comfortable fit possible.

Your Denturist will recommend the option that best meets your particular needs.

Contact your Denturist to see if an immediate denture is the right option for you.