

IMMEDIATE DENTURE: PATIENTS INSTRUCTIONS

The dentures you have received are a replacement for your missing teeth. They will provide better support for your jaw, restore your chewing ability and achieve your desired appearance. The following information will inform you about immediate dentures. Please do not hesitate to ask questions.

Your dentures were made to fit the anticipated shape of your mouth after the removal of the teeth. Modifications to the denture are always necessary and will continue during the healing period. Many changes have occurred at one time and it will take time to become adjusted to your new dentures.

The First 24 Hours:

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to keep the immediate denture in your mouth until the doctor sees you the day after surgery. The denture serves as a dressing to help stop the bleeding. If the denture is removed, you may not be able to replace it due to swelling of the tissue.

Changes of the Mouth:

You may experience some of the following commonly known symptoms that occur when an immediate denture is delivered.

Immediate Swelling	Difficulty Swallowing
Increase in Saliva	Mouth Odor
Speech Alteration	Minor Bleeding
Discomfort	Difficulty Chewing
Gagging	

All of the above mentioned symptoms can be resolved once you've become more familiar with the new prosthesis and as minor adjustments are made by the doctor.

First Post - Delivery Appointment:

The day after you receive your dentures, the doctor will see you to adjust the denture for sore areas, the bite and any other initial problems. You will be given further instructions for the use and care of the dentures at this appointment.

Further Appointments:

As you heal and use the dentures during the weeks after surgery, the dentures will occasionally become loose due to the normal shrinkage of the gums from healing. This will be adjusted as needed until healing is complete.

Final Denture:

When healing is complete, a final denture will be constructed, or the immediate dentures will be relined as the doctor discussed with you previously. These procedures will be the second phase of your rehabilitation.