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Immediate Dentures

Your dentist has suggested you need an immediate denture as part of your treatment.

These are some of the more common questions our patients ask, but please ask your dentist if you want to know more.

WHAT ARE IMMEDIATE DENTURES?

When one or more teeth are extracted and the missing teeth replaced immediately by artificial teeth on a denture. Normally four visits are required, with the teeth being extracted and the denture fitted on the last visit.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT IT TO BE LIKE?

When you leave the practice the new dentures will be in place. If at all possible it is best to leave dentures in place for 24 hours. The numbness in your mouth will last for several hours so be careful of these areas. It is better to start with a soft diet and learn to cope with your new teeth gradually.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We normally review patients the day after fitting. The initial healing process can take several weeks but if you have any continuing soreness, ulceration or undue difficulties please contact the practice. Most problems are easily corrected.

HOW LONG WILL THEY LAST?

Initially the gums tend to swell a little, but soon the bone which supported the teeth that have been extracted will begin to shrink away and the dentures will become increasingly loose. The time this takes is very variable, but usually the dentures become quite loose within three months. This is treated by putting a new base on the dentures. It is necessary to keep your dentures for 48 hours to do this and it is not included in the initial cost of the treatment.

There can continue to be bone loss when a large number of teeth have been extracted. It may then be necessary to make a new set of dentures in about a year, when the jaw is more stable.