

It has been recommended that you are fitted with an immediate denture(s) to replace some or all of your remaining teeth.

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An immediate denture is fitted when the teeth to be removed are extracted during the same appointment. The advantage of doing so is that you will not have to be without teeth. To make this possible, measurements and impressions are taken during previous appointments. As the denture is being fitted after teeth have been removed there will be initial soreness and swelling as well as numbness where the teeth have been taken out. As the mouth heals and the denture settles in, you will require follow up visits to adjust your denture to make it comfortable.

The obvious advantage of having dentures fitted at the time of extractions is that the appearance is retained or enhanced. However, in order to manufacture an immediate denture, the technician who is responsible for the design and construction of the denture will have to estimate the shape of the remaining bony ridge after the extractions have been done. It is not always possible to achieve an accurate fit in the same way as can be obtained with conventional dentures.

It is common for an immediate denture to be loose shortly after fitting and it is likely that they will loosen further as your mouth heals. In such circumstances it may be necessary to use a proprietary denture fixative which can be obtained from any pharmacy. Most changes will occur in the first three months and it is almost inevitable that your immediate denture will require a new lining or a new base to fit properly again. This will incur a further fee and will require the denture to be sent to a dental laboratory. In some circumstances, the changes in the jaw associated with healing may be so extensive that a new denture may be required for which a further fee will be chargeable.

Advantages of Immediate Dentures:

- They will normally help to maintain or enhance appearance following the extractions of the teeth needing removal
- They may make eating easier
- They may help retain the shape of the face and lips

Disadvantages and difficulties with immediate dentures:

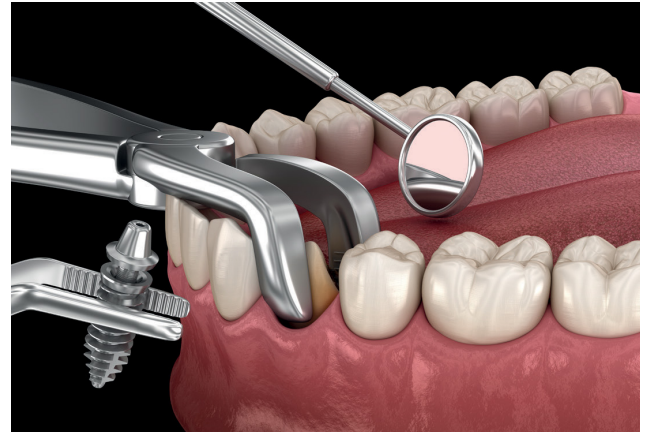
A number of problems may occur commonly with immediate dentures and they may include:

- Difficulties with speaking and/or eating
- Food being trapped under the denture(s)
- Soreness/ulceration of the gums or adjacent teeth which are used to hold the denture in position
- Decay around adjacent teeth
- Looseness of the denture(s) which may require the use of denture adhesive
- Gagging
- The mouth feeling very full
- Increased saliva initially
- Breakage, if biting down very hard on solid foods or if the denture is dropped
- Failure to adapt

When the denture(s) is fitted written and verbal instructions on their care will be provided.

Alternative options to immediate dentures:

1. **No treatment** – You may choose to have the teeth extracted with no immediate denture replacement. This can result in tilting or drifting of the surrounding and opposing teeth.
2. **A conventional denture (removable)** may be fitted after the extraction sites have healed, usually three to six months after extraction.
3. **Fixed bridges** may be fitted to any remaining healthy teeth which are adequate in number, size and with good supporting bone. Your dentist can explain how lost teeth can be replaced with a bridge.
4. **Dental Implants** – These are fixed rigidly to the bone and can be used to support crowns, bridges and dentures. They are firm and can support fitted dentures, allowing for improved biting force and better appearance. You must have adequate and good quality bone for the placement of implants. This treatment is not available on the NHS. Please ask for more information about a referral for a consultation.



PATIENT CONSENT

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I hereby consent to the provision of dentures.

The technique and procedure has been explained to me by:

(name of dentist)

The dentist has explained about the nature of the treatment and its purpose, together with any significant risks and problems, disadvantages and alternatives. I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions and understand that, should any changes in the treatment be required, they will be explained to me and my specific consent obtained.

I confirm that I have given correct information about my general health and up to date medical history including any medications that I may be taking at the time of the procedure.

I have informed the practice of any medication and allergies of which I am aware.

Name of Patient _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Name of Dentist _____

Signature _____

Date _____



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