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COMPLETE DENTURES

It must be understood that dentures are not a perfect substitute for natural teeth. As such they have the following limitations:

- Generally the chewing efficiency of dentures is about 70% of that of natural teeth.
- Often they must replace substantial amounts of lost or missing gum tissues and teeth. This added bulk may reduce the stability of the dentures.
- Dentures are supported by areas of the mouth that were not designed to carry the loads placed on them. If the gums are not given an eight hour rest each day, they may dissolve more rapidly. This may require more frequent relines or adjustments.
- Just like teeth, dentures must be kept clean. Dentures that are not cleaned well may develop a bad odor.
- Some people are unable to wear conventional dentures and may require the use of special soft liners or implant-supported dentures.
- Lower dentures will be stable but will not have the suction that an upper denture will have, and may require implants to make them more stable.
- Your jaw bones and gums shrink up to 1/32 of an inch per year when your teeth are missing. A reline will be needed when your dentures get loose to accommodate this loss.

Your dentures will be made using a technique that involves several impressions and fittings. You will be involved in the selection of the shape, size, color and arrangement of the teeth. If you value the opinion of someone besides yourself, regarding your teeth, it may be helpful to bring that person with you. If you would like your teeth to look like someone else's teeth, either a photo or the personal appearance of that person is encouraged.

The teeth will be arranged in wax and placed in your mouth so you will see the arrangement of the teeth. Once both you and the doctor are satisfied with all aspects of the teeth, we will proceed with final processing. Any changes to the arrangement of the teeth after they have been processed is possible, but there will be an additional charge.

Once the dentures are delivered, there will be several adjustments to refine the fit of the dentures to your mouth. The fee includes these adjustments.

I have read the above information about dentures and have had all my questions answered to my satisfaction.