

## Immediate Dentures

Immediate dentures are removable prosthetics that are placed immediately after all the teeth have been extracted. Normally an oral surgeon is involved in this very successful procedure. Immediate dentures are complicated, but if planned properly, will provide proper function and esthetics that we both want to obtain. Any denture will take some adjustment time. There is a learning curve with new teeth, especially ones you can take in and out of your mouth. Over time, just like anything, you will adjust, but it will take time.

Below is a summary of how we fabricate and place immediate dentures.

1. Initial appointment- This consists of radiographs and a brief summary of the immediate denture.
2. Records appointment- Upper and lower alginate impressions are taken. A bite registration is taken, along with intra/extra-oral photographs. A tooth shade will also be chosen at this time.
3. Oral surgery referral- In most cases, an oral surgeon is required to remove the teeth. Our oral surgeons have the ability to use IV sedation, and are experts at removing teeth and re-contouring the alveolar ridge after surgery. This first appointment is just a consult.
4. Wax up approval- After we receive the case back from the lab, you will be able to see a “wax up” model of your future teeth. It is at this point that we can change shade, contours, etc. After approval from you, we will send the case to our lab for processing.
5. Pick up- When we receive the processed case back from our lab, you will be able to pick up the immediate denture from our office and take it to your oral surgery appointment.
6. Oral Surgery appointment- By this point, you should have your immediate dentures in hand. The surgeon will need to insert the immediate dentures after the teeth are removed. The denture should remain in the mouth and act like a bandage until you return to our office 24 hours later.
7. 24 hr recall appointment- We will remove the immediate denture, adjust your bite, and place a tissue conditioner inside the denture. This is sometimes referred to as a temporary re-line. This conditioner will last 3 months, and at that time will be replaced.
8. 1 week recall appointment- We will check the bite again, and make sure you are healing within normal limits.
9. 3 month recall- We will replace your current tissue conditioner. You will notice that the denture is not fitting as snug as it did because the tissue and ridge are in the process of remodeling.
10. 6 month recall- By this time, the tissues and alveolar ridges have had time to heal and remodel. We will take impressions with your current denture for a permanent

reline. Normally we can take the impressions in the morning, and have the reline to you in the afternoon. You will be without your dentures during the day.

11. Permanent re-line delivery- We will adjust your bite and make sure everything fits snug.