

## DENTURE INFORMATION

The doctor and his staff have diagnosed your oral condition as being irreversible and we are recommending dentures as your only alternative. There are a few items you need to be aware of in order to be properly prepared for dentures. The first is that dentures are prosthetic devices designed to replace a body part that you have lost, or are about to lose. If you lost a limb such as a leg, the prosthetic device to replace that leg would never be as good as what you originally possessed. The same is true of dentures. They will never be able to imitate the real thing. You'll never be able to chew the same, speak the same, or look like you have in the past. The dentures will move in your mouth, get food under them, and make your gums sore. The lower denture will be worse.

### PREVIOUS DENTURE WEARERS

If you have had dentures in the past and we are making a new set of dentures for you, be prepared for a surprise! It will be a whole new experience. The dentures you've had in the past become a part of you as time passes. With new dentures the sensations, looks and feel will never be the same as your old dentures. So be prepared for a new feel and especially a new appearance. You will also get sore spots in new locations.

### RELINING DENTURES

If we are recommending relining your denture, don't expect much from a reline. You will still feel looseness especially in the lower dentures. A laboratory reline is preferred to an in office reline and with a laboratory reline we require taking your dentures from you for 24-48 hours.

### APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING

If we are making immediate dentures they will be ready to be delivered at the time of surgery or removal of your teeth. We will need preliminary appointment to fabricate your denture.

First Appointment: preliminary impressions of your jaws

Second Appointment: Final Impressions of your jaw with a custom made tray

Third Appointment: bite registration or measurement of the way your jaw works

Fourth Appointment: preliminary try in. called a wax try-in

Fifth Appointment: deliver dentures and surgery