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Immediate Denture Policy

Immediate dentures are dentures that are placed in the patient’s mouth the same day that teeth are extracted. They have several advantages.

1. The patient is never without teeth or a denture. In general, most patients adapt very well to immediate dentures.
2. The record of the patient’s jaw separation and facial length are not lost, as occurs when teeth are extracted and time passes before new dentures are made.
3. The embarrassment of being without teeth for a number of weeks is avoided.
4. Patients can chew more efficiently, within days of extractions.
5. Muscle tone, including the tongue, is less likely to be altered when immediate dentures are made.

Immediate dentures have some drawbacks as well.

1. The patient and dentist can not see all of the denture teeth as they will appear in the denture in the patient’s mouth before the dentures are made. This is different from treatment with conventional dentures.
2. The immediate denture will usually need *temporary linings* while healing occurs because the dentures will loosen. **These are an additional cost.**
3. If the patient does not like the appearance of the denture, it will need to be remade at the **patient’s expense.**
4. A laboratory processed rebase or reline procedure is almost always required. There is an **additional cost to the patient for this treatment.** This reline is usually needed about 6 or more months after the immediate denture is placed in the mouth.

Please reflect on the above advantages and disadvantages. In most situations patients are better served with an immediate denture. If this is not the situation in your personal case, Dr. Elizabeth Patino will inform you.

You must understand that the inability to see the immediate denture in your mouth before extracting teeth can result in some degree of disappointment with the completed prosthesis. In these situations, a new denture must be fabricated at **your expense.**

If you understand, and are willing to accept treatment with an immediate denture instead of having your teeth extracted and waiting for initial healing before dentures are made, please sign below.

I wish to have an immediate denture made and understand the advantages and disadvantages of this procedure as explained in this document.

Procedure Cost Estimate _____

Patient Signature

Date

Dentist Signature

Date