

Dentures

Information Pack

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Removable Dentures

Removable dentures are those that the wearer can remove and replace at will. These types of dentures can replace one tooth, all your natural teeth, or any number of missing teeth in between. Some removable dentures are made to be inserted immediately after the removal of a tooth or teeth. These types of removable dentures are commonly termed 'immediate dentures.'

Before any denture treatment is undertaken, it is recommended that you have a thorough oral health maintenance check.

This will include a full examination of your teeth, gums and other soft tissues of your mouth. At this time radiographs may be taken to ensure any remaining teeth are healthy, and strong enough to help support a denture.

Dentures are an economical alternative to bridges and crowns

Procedure

At the first appointment, impressions are taken of both the upper and lower teeth and gums, and these are then sent away to a dental technician. If required, another appointment may be scheduled to take a second set of impressions with trays that have been specially made to fit your mouth.

Over the next couple of appointments, wax rims are constructed and shaped to fit your mouth accurately, and then the plastic or porcelain replacement teeth are added to these wax rims.

At this stage you will decide if you are happy with the colour, shape and size of the teeth. If you are satisfied, the dentures will be sent back to the technician so they can be finished.

At the final appointment the new dentures are fitted. If necessary a follow up appointment can be scheduled to allow for any minor adjustments to the new dentures.



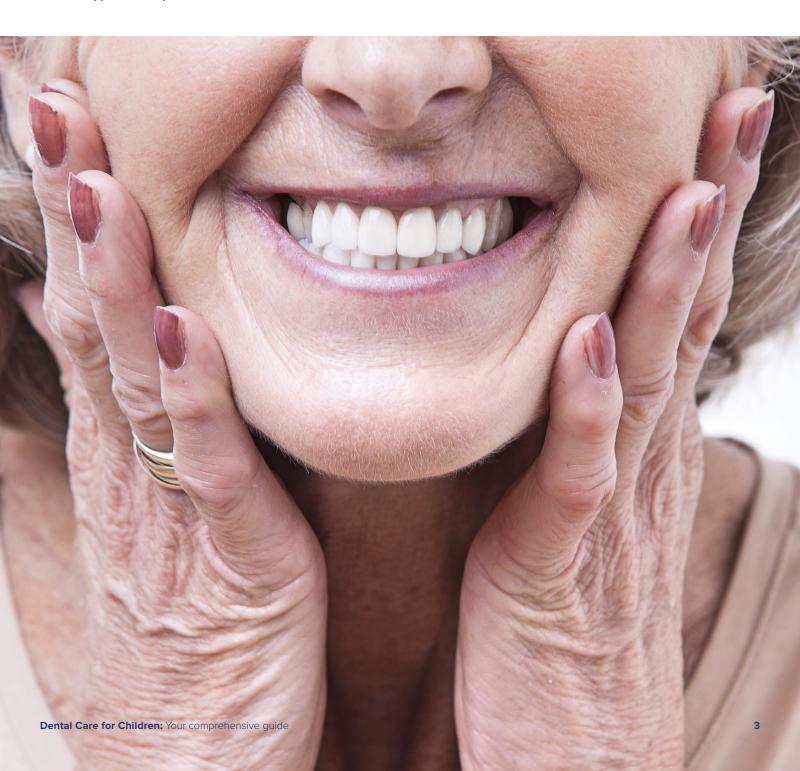
Caring for your dentures

It is important to brush your dentures each day as you would brush your teeth. Toothpaste can damage your dentures, so instead use denture cleansing tablets or soapy water and a soft bristle toothbrush to remove the plaque on the denture.

When handling the dentures, place a towel or water in the basin to avoid breakage should they fall into the sink. Also, remember to remove your dentures every night to allow the gum tissue beneath a chance to rest and recover.

Taking care of your dentures will increase their lifespan. It is important to see your dentist every six months to check the condition and fit of your dentures.

The oral health professionals at Crookes and Jenkins Dental will provide you with professional advice and care for your dentures. To book an appointment, please call 33671122.





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