

Dentures Informed Consent

Dentures are teeth substitutes and only have 25% of the chewing efficiency of real teeth. They often replace large amounts of lost gum tissues, bone and teeth. This added bulk improves their appearance but may reduce the denture stability. Dentures are supported by areas of the mouth that were not designed to carry the chewing loads placed on them by the dentures. If the gums and bone underneath are not given an 8 hour rest each day, they may dissolve rapidly. This may require frequent relines or adjustments.

Like natural teeth, dentures must be kept clean. If not, they may develop a bad odor or ugly stains. Dentures may be designed to include facial support. If you desire additional plumping, the dentures may become unstable and the gums may dissolve away more rapidly.

Some people are unable to wear conventional dentures and may require the use of special soft liners or implant-supported dentures. Your dentures will be made using a technique that involves several impressions and fittings. You must agree to be involved in the selection of the shape, size, color and arrangement of the teeth. If you would like your teeth to look like some specific way, bring a photograph of a person who demonstrates this arrangement and color. It is your responsibility to express any concerns before the final dentures are constructed.

You will see your final denture teeth arranged in wax at the cosmetic try in appointment. If you value the opinion of someone else, bring this person to your cosmetic try in appointment. You must inform the dentist of any desired changes at this appointment. After you leave the Atlanta Dental Group PC after this appointment, the final dentures will be constructed. You are not allowed to make any changes after the cosmetic try in appointment. You are not allowed to call in or return to make changes to dentures. If you desire any changes after this appointment, you must agree to pay the full fee for new dentures.

Once your dentures are processed and delivered, there will be several adjustments to refine the fit to your mouth. The denture fee includes these adjustments for a period of three months and/or up to three appointments. After the three month period or three denture adjustment appointments, you will be charged for each additional denture related appointment.

The doctors and staff at the Atlanta Dental Group PC promise to do their best in making you a nice set of dentures. However, we can not guarantee perfection since “ beauty is in the eye of the beholder “. It is not always possible for a patient and a dentist to fully understand what each other are thinking.

I accept my responsibility, as the future owner of my dentures, to make my desires and opinions regarding my dentures absolutely clear so that my dentist has a good chance of being successful at making me happy. I have had all my questions answered regarding the denture construction procedure and it's potential complications.

I understand this consent form and the Atlanta Dental Group PC staff have answered all of my questions related to this procedure. I give permission to the dentist to make my dentures.

Patient (or Guardian) Signature:

Dental Staff Signature:

Atlanta Dental Group PC 1624 Piedmont Avenue NE Atlanta, Georgia 30324 (404) 874-7428

Copyright © 2005 Mark A Padolsky DDS All rights reserved