

INFORMATIONAL INFORMED CONSENT

New Dentures

Whether this is your fifth set of dentures or your first set, here is some important information to consider before treatment:

1. Dentures are not as good as healthy, natural teeth for chewing food.
2. Denture teeth are a different size and shape than normal teeth in order to increase chewing efficiency.
3. Dentures depend on suction and muscle activity for their stability. Pastes and denture inserts like c-bond and not effective in holding dentures.
4. Dental implants are the only method that insures a completely stable denture. Dental implants are easy to place and prevent bone loss and denture looseness.
5. Wearing dentures may become more difficult as you age so that new problems may appear with new dentures you never had with any of the old dentures.
6. As you age, bone loss from denture supporting areas of the mouth will make conventional dentures more difficult to chew with and keep in your mouth.
7. Changes in the muscle tone, gum thickness, coordination, as well as medications will adversely affect your ability to wear conventional dentures without dental implants to secure them.
8. A new denture will be shaped and look different than your old denture since there is a constant change in the shape of your mouth. A new denture is shaped to fit your mouth as it is now. Your old dentures were made to fit a mouth that no longer exists.
9. You may find it difficult to chew certain foods with dentures.
10. Illness, medication, certain medical treatments, as well as emotional or psychological problems may make it more difficult to wear new dentures even if you have been successful before.
11. A denture that was comfortable may not fit after illness or certain medical treatments such as chemotherapy.

During your examination Dr. _____ will evaluate these and other considerations before beginning denture treatment. He will explain the ins and outs of your particular situation concerning these and other potential problems for you with your new dentures. Feel free to ask about these and any other concerns you may have about your denture treatment and its potential success for outcome.

While many denture problems are overcome with simple adjustments, dental implant stabilization of dentures is the only treatment that will provide secure dentures and, even then, healthy teeth are still better than the best denture.

I have read and understand and have discussed the above information with Dr. _____

Name

Date