

CONSENT FOR FULL DENTURES

I have recommended a full or complete denture (upper, lower or both) as part of the treatment plan devised for your dental needs. A full denture is used when all of the natural teeth are missing from a dental arch (upper or lower jaw).

While this substitute for your natural teeth will not function as well as your natural teeth, it can offer years of reasonable service and function.

The denture is constructed so that it rests on top of your gum tissue and all of the chewing forces must be born on top of your gum tissue. As a consequence, you may experience some soreness or discomfort under the denture base. This may be alleviated by adjustments and tissue treatment. In some cases, it takes several appointments before the denture can be made comfortable.

If this is your first denture, it may take you awhile to become accustomed to its feel. Initially, the denture may stimulate your gag reflex, feel very large in your mouth or simply feel foreign. Even experienced denture wearers need some time to adjust to a new denture. However, any continuing pain, discomfort or difficulty in adapting to your denture should be brought to my immediate attention.

If you discontinue wearing your denture for any extended period of time you may find that it doesn't fit when you attempt to wear it again. This is due to the fact the gum tissue will change its shape over time if the denture base isn't resting upon it. If this occurs I will need to readjust the base to fit the tissue. In extreme cases a new base may need to be fashioned.

I invite your questions concerning the risks discussed and contained in this document. By signing below you acknowledge that you have read this document, understand the information presented and have had all your questions answered satisfactorily. You also acknowledge that you understand all the alternative treatments that were presented to you.

Additional comments: _____ Signatures: _____ Date: _____

Patient _____

Doctor _____

Witness _____

