



Steps for Getting Dentures

Pre-denture consult: The first visit will be to make sure that the gums and soft tissue are healthy and ready for the new teeth. We will start the process by making a cast or mold of both the upper and lower gums. A second impression may be necessary in some cases during an additional appointment.

Visit #2: During this visit, Dr. Thompson will evaluate the alignment of upper and lower teeth and jaw. Using a loose-fitting denture and a rim of wax to approximate the position of the teeth, we will make sure that the bite is aligned so that there is no clicking when the patient talks or chews.

Visit #3: During the third visit, we will replace the loose tray with the actual final plastic teeth. The final set will look and feel like a denture, with the exception that the base fits loosely on the gums and the teeth themselves are in wax instead of the final plastic. This visit allows us to see what the dentures will look like, adjust them for size and get the laboratory to make final adjustments.

Visit #4: Delivery. It may take some time to adapt to wearing the dentures but the patient will eventually be able to function and have of the denture.

Visit #5: 48 hours after delivery, we will evaluate the fit of the denture for any spots which may need adjustments.

Relines of dentures may be required if the shape of the jaw changes enough to affect the fit of the denture. The frequency of this varies widely depending on many factors from patient to patient.