

Home Care Following Tooth Extraction and Immediate Denture Placement



REFER TO YOUR COPY OF 'TOOTH EXTRACTION: POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS' ON CARE FOR YOUR MOUTH.



KEEP YOUR DENTURE IN YOUR MOUTH FOR THE THE FIRST 24 HOURS. THIS WILL HELP CONTROL THE BLEEDING AND SWELLING. IF DENTURE(S) IS REMOVED, SWELLING MAY OCCUR THAT WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE THE DENTURE.



YOUR IMMEDIATE DENTURE NOT ONLY REPLACES YOUR MISSING TEETH, BUT IT IS ACTING TO PROTECT THE SURGICAL SITE AND CONTROL SWELLING AND BLEEDING. THE DENTURE NEEDS TO BE IN PLACE TO BE EFFECTIVE.



THE FIT OF YOUR IMMEDIATE DENTURE WILL CHANGE AS YOUR MOUTH HEALS FROM THE TOOTH EXTRACTIONS. AS HEALING OCCURS, THE DENTAL RIDGES CHANGE SHAPE AND GENERALLY SHRINK IN SIZE. IT WILL THEN NEED ADJUSTMENTS AND EVENTUAL RELINE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE CHANGES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN YOUR MOUTH AS THE GUMS HEAL. YOU WILL BE ADVISED FOR PERIODIC APPOINTMENTS TO MONITOR THE CHANGES AND NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.



AFTER THE EXTRACTION SOCKETS HAVE HEALED (ABOUT 2 - 6 WEEKS) YOU MAY FIND DENTURE ADHESIVES TO HELP STABILIZE YOUR DENTURE.



EXTRACTION SOCKETS TAKE AT LEAST 6 - 12 MONTHS TO HEAL AND FILL IN WITH NEW JAW BONE. AT THIS TIME WE CAN DISCUSS PERMANENT (LABORATORY PROCESSED) RELINE WHICH IS A SEPARATE PROCEDURE AND WAS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR DENTURE FEE.