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Dentures

Custom-made dentures to suit the individual.

At Country Dental we can provide custom-made dentures to suit the individual. Our dentures are made to fit properly and will function well for chewing and bite support. A lot of attention is given to various aspects of the aesthetics – tooth alignment, shade and soft tissue support. Over several visits, we spend time taking impressions, discussing aesthetic needs and establishing bite support. It's worth bearing in mind that dentures can also be used to improve soft tissue support where bone loss has occurred from previous extractions.

A denture is a prosthesis that is custom-made to fit the individual. It can be used to replace missing teeth or fill in gaps and is made to fit over the gums. It is retained by either clasps, or suction, or a combination of both.

A well-fitting denture can make an enormous difference to someone's self-confidence. It can prevent jaw problems, improve the chewing of food and provide bite support.

What types of denture are there?

A full denture is one that is used where a patient has no remaining teeth.

Dentures are usually retained by suction only and where there is a significant amount of gum coverage. Additional support can be provided by the placement of implants which, by acting as clips, help hold the denture in place. This is particularly useful where there is a significant amount of bone loss and retention is poor.

A partial denture is made where a person has some remaining teeth. The denture made can be retained by suction alone or by suction and clasps.



What are dentures made of?

Dentures are made in acrylic, acrylic and metal, or nylon. Each denture type has advantages and disadvantages. Metal dentures tend to be stronger and in partial cases can therefore have minimal soft tissue coverage. This can be useful, as it can avoid impairment of speech and taste. Nylon flexible dentures can lock around the teeth without the need for clasps.

When can dentures be placed after an extraction?

Dentures can be placed immediately after extractions in order to close spaces. However, due to gum healing, the denture will often become loose within a short period of time. It will then be necessary either to re-line the plate, to tighten it or make a fresh plate by taking a new impression of the healed gum.

What if my denture is loose?

Your denture may become loose due to gum healing after an extraction. The denture may also become loose if bone changes have taken place over the years, or there is too little bone to retain it. A new one may be required or a re-line could be undertaken if the existing denture is still in good condition.

A fixative can be used and may be useful for improving the retention of the denture. You could also consider implants with attachments to help secure a denture in place. This is particularly useful when you have little supporting bone to provide sufficient retention of the denture.

Are there other options to close spaces other than dentures?

Other options may be available to fill spaces, depending on the individual case. If you have sufficient healthy adjacent teeth, a fixed bridge may be placed.

Another possible option is that if you have sufficient healthy jawbone, it may be possible to apply a dental implant. Both implants and fixed bridges are cemented in place and are not usually removed for cleaning.