

# Consent — Dentures

## Removable replacement teeth (plastic / acrylic or metal / cobalt-chrome)

This form explains what the treatment involves, the benefits, the risks and the alternatives, so you can make an informed decision. Please read it, ask us anything you are unsure about, and sign at the end if you are happy to go ahead.

### What this treatment is

A denture is a removable replacement for missing teeth — a full denture replaces all the teeth in a jaw, a partial denture fills the gaps where some teeth remain. Dentures can be plastic (acrylic) or metal (cobalt-chrome). Making a denture usually takes several visits.

### Why we may recommend it (the benefit)

Dentures restore appearance and help with eating and speaking when teeth are missing.

### Risks and things that can happen — full dentures

- Success is not guaranteed and depends on many things, including: gums that cannot bear the pressure (causing tenderness and sore spots); jaw ridges that give too little support or grip; tongue, cheek and floor-of-mouth muscles that struggle to adapt; a strong gag reflex; too much or too little saliva; and general health or psychological factors.

### Risks and things that can happen — partial dentures

- All of the above, plus: the natural 'anchor' teeth can become tender, sore or loose; they can decay or wear around the clasps; and the tissues supporting them can fail.

### Breakage, looseness and other points

- **Breakage.** Dentures can break even when well made — from chewing very hard foods, uneven pressure as gums shrink, an unnoticed earlier crack, or being dropped. The teeth on the denture can also wear or chip, and grinding adds to this.
- **Looseness.** Full dentures usually loosen as the gums change over time (the denture itself does not change unless overheated or dried out). When loose, they may need relining or replacing, which is normally chargeable. Partial dentures can also loosen if clasps or attachments loosen.
- **Allergy.** Very rarely the mouth reacts to denture materials.
- **Supporting teeth/tissues failing.** Anchor teeth can fail through decay, trauma or gum/bone problems and may need taking out; supporting tissues can fail through poor dental or general health.

### Visits included with your denture

The standard visits needed to make and fit your denture are included in the price quoted. It is normal and expected that dentures sometimes need further adjustment afterwards: any additional review or adjustment visits beyond those included are chargeable at our standard home-visit rate (including the call-out charge).

### Notes & customisation

### Your consent

**My consent.** I have read and understood this information. I have had the chance to ask questions and have them answered. I understand what the treatment involves, its benefits and risks, the alternatives, and that I can refuse all or part of it at any time. I understand no guarantees have been made about the result. I agree to go ahead with this treatment, on the basis of this form together with what my dentist discusses and personalises with me on the visit, and the Home Visit Terms & Important Information that apply to all treatments.

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Patient (or representative) name

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Relationship to patient (if not the patient)

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Dentist name

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Our **Home Visit Terms & Important Information** (which apply to all treatments) form part of this consent and are provided alongside it.