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Consent for Dentures

New dentures may be advised following tooth loss, or simply to replace existing dentures which have worn or are no longer fitting properly due to changes in the mouth, such as a loss of alveolar bone. Properly fitting dentures help to maintain the oral structures (teeth, gums and bone); ill-fitting dentures tend to destroy supporting structures.

Getting used to new dentures: New dentures may feel awkward or uncomfortable for the first few weeks or even months after being fitted. Minor irritation or soreness is not unusual and you may need to return for minor adjustments. Eating and speaking with new dentures will take a little practice. A bulky or loose feeling is not uncommon while the muscles of your cheeks and tongue learn to hold your dentures in place. Excessive salivary flow is also common. It is all a learning and adjustment process. In some cases it can take up to 1 year before the new dentures start to feel normal and part of your daily routine.

Limitations: Every effort will be made to make your dentures fit properly. The best dental materials will be used. However, the fit and function of your dentures depends greatly upon your remaining supporting structures (bone and gums), your efforts to adapt to something new, and your regular visits for adjustments and maintenance.

In the best of situations, a complete upper denture or a partial denture is stable (resists tipping) and retentive (resists being dislodged vertically). A complete lower denture is, at best, stable, but almost never retentive.

Additional possible complications include allergy to prosthetic materials, material failure, loss of permanent teeth, loss of prosthesis, bone loss, sore spots and ulcers, wear or breakage of dentures, or other situations which cannot be predicted in advance.

Implants and/or surgery may be necessary in order to provide better fit and function. Healthy implants can help preserve bone, provide stability and retention.

Smoking and excessive use of alcohol will have an adverse effect on the body's response, and may affect the success of dentures, as will your co-operation in performing prescribed home care.

Informed Consent: The nature and purpose of dentures, as well as alternative treatment plans, possible outcomes and risks, has been fully explained to me and I have had an opportunity to have my questions answered. I understand that dentistry is not an exact science and success with treatment cannot be 100% guaranteed. I will follow all treatment and post-treatment instructions as explained and directed to me. I understand that I am advised to return for regular examinations and oral cancer screening, and that routine examination fees will be charged for such visits. In view of the above information I am giving my consent to Dr Martin Hako and/or associates, as necessary, to render any treatment necessary and/or advisable to my dental condition, including any anaesthetics and/or medications.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

Patient Name: _____

Please note: side effects and complications are uncommon to rare and we at Priory Dental Care would hope our rate is even less than the norm, due to the techniques and materials we use. Also bear in mind the complications are no different to any dentures you may have had previously, it's just you are now aware of them.