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IMMEDIATE DENTURES

You can have Immediate Dentures or you can wait until all the tissues have healed before having your dentures made (3-4 weeks). An Immediate Denture means that the artificial teeth are made before all of the natural teeth are removed. Usually the back teeth are extracted, and the tissues are given time to heal. Then the denture is inserted immediately after the front teeth are removed.

From the point of view of the patient, perhaps the most important advantage of Immediate Dentures is that he need never appear in public without teeth. However, there are several disadvantages of which you should be aware.

1. More office visits are required, including post insertion and many more adjustments.
2. Because the natural teeth are still in place, the dentist cannot try the denture in the patients mouth before they are processed. Thus the patient does not see how the dentures look until they are completed and teeth are extracted.
3. Immediate Dentures do not fit as would dentures made at a later date.
4. Because of changes in the tissues following removal of teeth, Immediate Dentures usually need to be relined within a few months. In some cases new dentures must be made.

While artificial dentures can never be as efficient as one's own natural teeth, we strive to make dentures which are attractive and functionally adequate. Whether the patient succeeds or fails in wearing dentures often depends on his determination to learn to use the dentures, or his subconscious refusal to accept them.