



## **Temporary Dentures**

The purpose of the temporary denture is to give you something to wear which resembles teeth while your mouth heals following your extractions.

The temporary denture will not look nearly as nice as your final denture. Your temporary denture will not chew or fit as well as your final denture. You may need denture adhesive to keep your temporary denture in place. Your temporary denture may stain easily. Your temporary denture may affect your speech.

Following the extraction of your teeth, the bone and gum change shape significantly. You ideally want the majority of these changes to occur before your new denture is made so that you will have a better fitting denture for a longer period of time. Up to a point, the longer that you wait before starting the new denture, the better your fit will likely be.

Immediately following the extractions, your temporary denture is placed. We will fit the temporary and adjust the bite as well as possible at this appointment. As your mouth heals, the gum tissue and the bone will shrink. The temporary denture will shift, become loose, and may rub sore spots in your mouth. Periodic adjustments will be required to keep you comfortable.