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Standard Acrotone teeth with standard denture base



Independent

Monarch teeth- natural look teeth with high impact acrylic denture base



Elite

Enigma teeth, high impact acrylic, gingival shading, contouring and stippling



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New Prosthesis

You have decided on a new denture. For the purposes of this discussion we will be discussing partial dentures/ prosthesis but the same principles also apply to complete dentures.

Most common reasons for a new denture

I've lost a tooth or teeth and want something to fill the gap in my mouth.

I am not suitable or do not want a bridge or implant solution to this problem. Denture solutions are the least invasive of the options. The mouth is left unchanged allowing other options open for a later date and invaluable tooth substance is not compromised. They are painless to have prepared and need no local anaesthetics administering thereby avoiding cross reactions with medications and other medical conditions. As a result, this option is becoming increasingly popular especially with the introduction of new dental materials that rival the appearance of the other two options.

My old ones don't fit any more

The reason for this is because our bodies are constantly changing and this also applies to all structures in the mouth. Older dentures will have been manufactured to the size and shape of your mouth at the time of their construction. This could have been many years ago and hence an increasing difference occurs, creating more unwanted space between your appliance and your mouth. Any area without teeth which previously had teeth changes the most. The body recognises that there is no need for bone in this area and resorbs this bone at a greater rate. People with less teeth are affected the most.

My old Appliance has changed colour/ looks worn

Everything in this world is subject to wear and tear. Areas that are constantly rubbed together

or rubbed against other substances will wear quickly and pick up stain from those other materials. Tea coffee and other food colourants will gradually seep into the denture and cause the discolouration. Those with a higher bite force, higher than normal acidic diet and those with a rougher diet will experience a greater effect.

My Appliance feels looser in my mouth

This can be several reasons for this;

- ◆ Teeth the partial denture is supported by, have loosened providing a less rigid structure for the appliance to brace to.
- ◆ The appliance connectors/ clasps are no longer clasping onto the surrounding teeth as well as they did. This can be connected to a fitting problem, whereby the denture moves out of position dislodging the clasp from to position of the tooth it is designed to fit to. Clasps also fracture with their need to flex around a tooth and can also wear so that the clasp no longer fits the tooth as well.
- ◆ The suction component is compromised. On larger spans of false teeth, the close-fitting base especially on upper dentures provides a suction to the denture. This relies on close contact to the roof of the mouth and the need for normal saliva. If either saliva or contact is poor then the effect is gone. This can happen with medication and certain medical conditions.
- ◆ The muscle control that holds the base component in place is compromised. Muscle control is vital for the stability in the mouth. Older people, people with no experience of dentures and people who suffer from cognitive disorders will find this more difficult to achieve.

We will evaluate your mouth and the properties of your new denture to advise you on the best design but it is best to note that not all

properties of your mouth can be fixed and this may impact on the overall success to the appliance. Again, we will discuss this with you prior to the construction your appliance.

What are the choices available?

Valplast

- ◆ private only option



All Acrylic option with stainless-steel clasps

- ◆ NHS
- ◆ Independent
- ◆ Elite

Cobalt Chrome

- ◆ NHS
- ◆ Independent
- ◆ Elite

