

# Ask The Dentists

Dear Dr. Winter, I am inquiring about a price range for a full set of dentures. My father had experienced tooth and gum pain and made the decision to have all his teeth extracted to be replaced with dentures. He had a set made but they do not fit very well.

For each of those visits, is there a cost associated or is the price included in the cost of the dentures? Does it have a warranty or include relines?

My father does not have dental insurance and is low-income so he is quite concerned about cost but also does not want his dentures to be uncomfortable because he can't afford the best. Thank you J.

Dear J, I appreciate your working to help your father. Dentures are made in a custom fashion for each person.

There can be a free consultation to discuss any limitations, anatomic issues that may make it difficult to create comfortable dentures for your dad. Any of our readers can have a "free" consultation!

People can have a lack of bone, strong musculature, limited opening, enlarged tongues or floor of mouth that can all affect denture fit!

**Sometimes mini-implants or a few implants can help insure the dentures stay down during chewing and this is sometimes not a luxury but a necessity as not everyone can tolerate dentures.**

Are there guarantees-no! While I work diligently to work with and properly adjust dentures there is a part of denture dentistry that requires cooperation from the patient. They must come in for sores and bite related issues and they must wear them regularly to

make sure they get used to them. If your dad removes them to eat he will not acclimate to his new teeth.

I do not guarantee my dentures but I do have a 5-year warranty if they break if patients come in for every denture cleaning, oral cancer exam and bite checks once per year.

Costs: I offer Turbyfill Deluxe dentures, Digital Dentica Dentures and Standard beautiful dentures so without meeting your father and assessing his needs I cannot offer a price on the internet. It includes all visits and adjustments. Usually there are 4-6 visits needed to fabricate the dentures (2-3 visits for digital dentures) and again the number of visits does not affect the price. I do offer cash discounts and senior citizen discounts. We offer interest free financing through



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Care Credit which you may apply for from my website or by going to [www.carecredit.com](http://www.carecredit.com)

Relines are NOT included. This is something that is done based upon the amount of bone your dad has left. Relines are performed when dentures get loose and are usually needed at 6-9 months after extractions.

If a patient wants a soft liner to help cushion the lower denture this is usually only done if a patient cannot afford implants and has a separate charge.

I invite you and our readership to visit my website below to see my articles, my photos and testimonials.

I hope your father can become comfortable and I perform many dentures for people that are unhappy with the teeth they got from other clinics. I also teach other dentists how to perform denture dentistry so I am updated on all the state of the art denture fabrication techniques!

I look forward to meeting you and your father-he is lucky to have such a caring son, all the best,

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