

Ask The Dentists

Dear Dr. Winter, I had all of my teeth removed in order to get immediate dentures. I did the impressions before hand and now my teeth do not fit right. The bottom denture rocks with out a soft liner. I can not close my mouth completely and my top teeth lay on my lower lip at rest. I went back way too many times. The dentist uses implants as an excuse to get deeper into my pockets when I paid a lot of money for what was done and I am not happy! Can you do something to help me?

Dear Jim, I am sorry you are having problems. Immediate dentures are made by making an educated guess as to where the bone will be when the teeth are removed. So if dentures are made before your teeth are actually removed, we determine where the teeth should be and how the tissues should heal and fabricate your immediate denture to that arrangement. This process may create errors that need to be corrected. Usually this is done with a soft liner to stabilize the teeth while healing is occurring and then a relining is done to make the dentures fit better. I can not comment on all the problems you are having but the dentist should be able to adjust them and make them fit adequately. When I make immediate dentures (delivered the day the teeth are removed) the patient realizes they will need another set of dentures made once the healing occurs so the dentures can be made more accurately. Sometimes simply relining them is adequate but usually a second set of dentures is required. If your dentures rock, they simply do not fit and should be adjusted and relined. I would be happy to see you for a complimentary consultation or a new patient comprehensive examination and x-ray visit. Please call our office at 414-464-9021 to schedule and let them know you contacted me via the internet for a special consideration.

As to the implant portion of your question there is a lot of information on how implants stop future bone loss and how they stabilize dentures at our website below. I realize you feel the dentist just wants to get to implants but that is a discussion that can be had after you are comfortable with the esthetics, fit and chewing ability you can attain with your dentures. You can not move on to implants, in my practice, until you are happy with your dentures! They are the blueprint that we use to make sure you will be



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happy with any future work. The last remark I will make is that Dr. Winter lectures on Upgradeable Dentistry to teach dentists and patients how they can sequentially upgrade their dental situation according to their budgets and desires. By discussing Upgrade paths before dentistry is started (before pulling teeth), you may have an idea as to how we can comfortably and affordably help you replace your teeth. You can see more information on Upgradeable Dentistry as well as a video explaining this at: WWW.WINTERDENTAL.COM where you can access our websites for examples of our dentistry with videos and photos of the procedures we offer. For full access to Dr. Winter's articles go to the website and under publications type in Username: visitor and Password: smile

We invite any of our readership to come in for a comprehensive examination or second opinion regarding their dentures or implants by calling us at 414-464-9021.

We look forward to meeting you!
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