

# Instructions to denture Patients

## What To Expect From Your New Dentures

- You must learn to use your new dentures.
- At first you may look, speak and eat in a way you are unaccustomed to but With time you should adapt very readily.
- Your dentures may become loose when you laugh, cough, yawn or even smile. This is normal. To reposition them close your teeth together gently and Swallow.
- Most patients require about 2 to 3 weeks to learn to eat and speak with new dentures.

# **Eating and Speaking With Your Dentures**

- You will find that the dentures are not as efficient as your natural teeth when eating.
- When eating, start with soft foods and take small bites.
- Your speech too may sound strange initially but you should be able to speak Clearly in a few days.

### **Cleaning Your Dentures**

- Dentures must be cleaned after every meal.
- Use liquid soap and a soft brush.
  - AVOID using toothpastes, household bleach and boiling water to clean
- dentures. They can cause irreversible damage

Soak your dentures at night in water or preferably denture cleansers (e.g. Fittydent or Fixodent). Rinse thoroughly with clean water before re-inserting the dentures.

- NEVER wear your dentures while sleeping.
- It is also important to clean your gums as well using a soft toothbrush.

#### **Review**

- It is recommended to schedule your visits 2-3 times a year to keep your dentures in an optimal condition.
- It is ok to have any discomfort in initial days however do not hesitate to Contact clinic for adjustment.
- If at any time you experience pain, soreness or discomfort contact the clinic immediately and discontinue to wear your denture.

