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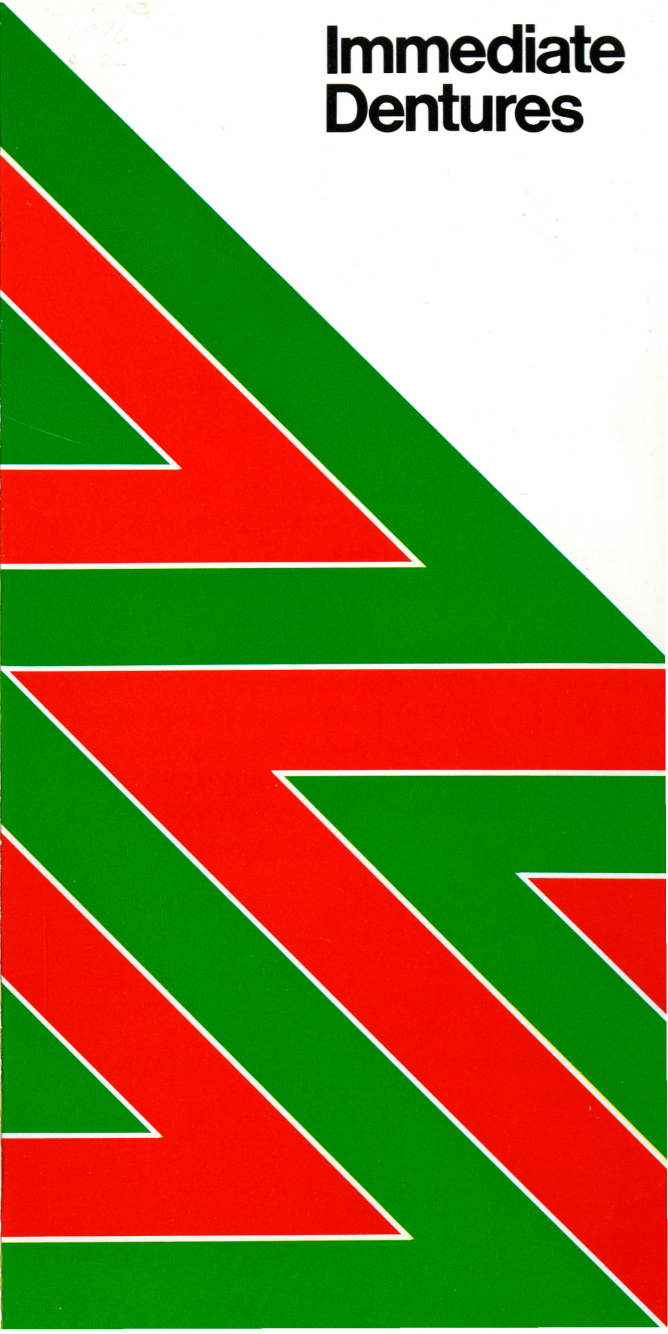
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# Immediate Dentures



*Your dentist has told you that you need dentures. He also told you that you can have immediate dentures or you can wait until all extraction sites have healed before you have your dentures made.*

## Disadvantages

Like any other procedure, the insertion of immediate dentures does have limitations of which you should be aware.

(1) *More office visits are required* because during the first few months, the dentist wants to watch for changes in the gums and in the mouth function. Also, the original good fit and occlusion of the denture will be lost as healing takes place.

(2) Because of changes in the tissues after removal of the teeth, immediate dentures *usually need to be refitted* by a dentist within a few months. In some cases new dentures must be made.

(3) In the areas where the last remaining teeth will be removed, immediate dentures *will not always fit quite as accurately* as conventional dentures made at a later date, after the gums have healed and hardened.

(4) Because some of your own teeth are still in place, you *cannot see how the dentures will*

*look* in your mouth until after the natural teeth have been removed.

(5) Immediate dentures are *usually more expensive* because of the additional time required for their construction.

There are some people for whom immediate dentures are not advisable because of their general health or specific oral problems. Had this been true in your case, your dentist would have advised you.

## Advantages

Perhaps the most important advantage of immediate dentures is that you never need to appear in public without teeth. However, there are also other advantages to this procedure.

(1) The form, size and arrangement of your natural teeth can more easily be duplicated when some of the teeth still remain in your mouth.

(2) If you have dentures inserted immediately after your remaining teeth are extracted, often your associates and even members of your family need not know that your natural teeth have been removed.

(3) When immediate dentures are

inserted, they act as a bandage and help to reduce bleeding.

(4) Immediate dentures protect the tissues at the sensitive extraction sites from irritation which might result from the tongue or food. This can mean less discomfort for you than with conventional dentures.

(5) Immediate dentures can enable you to establish your speech patterns more easily. You do not have to learn to speak without teeth and then relearn with dentures.

(6) With immediate dentures *you can chew better* than you could without teeth during the normal waiting period for conventional dentures.

(7) If dentures do not replace the natural teeth within a short time, the cheeks tend to fall in. Immediate dentures help to eliminate or minimize any distortion of your facial outline.

(8) If you remain without teeth for some time, you may develop oral habits that will interfere with your ability to learn how to use dentures properly. *Fitting immediate dentures avoids these bad habits.*

With these considerations in mind, you should be able to decide whether or not you would like to have immediate dentures placed. Your dentist will be happy to explain any of these matters in more detail and to answer any other questions you may have.

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