

Informed Consent – Home-Care Snap Denture

About your treatment

A Home-Care Snap denture is a removable denture that snaps or clips into place for added stability, and that you take out, clean and put back at home. It replaces missing teeth to help you chew, speak and smile with more confidence.

Your dentist has examined you, discussed your needs, and recommended this denture. It is a removable prosthesis, not a permanent set of teeth, and it will need regular care, adjustment and eventual replacement of parts.

Expected benefits

- Better stability and retention than a conventional denture that relies on suction or adhesive alone
- Improved chewing ability and a wider choice of foods
- Clearer speech and a more natural smile
- Easy removal for daily cleaning at home
- Support for facial appearance and lip and cheek contour

Results vary from person to person, and no specific outcome can be guaranteed.

Risks, side effects and limitations

As with any dental treatment, there are possible risks. I understand that:

- **Soreness and sore spots.** Pressure points, ulcers and irritation of the gums are common at first and usually need adjustments.
- **Adaptation period.** Speech, chewing, saliva flow and a feeling of fullness or gagging can take weeks to settle.
- **Looseness over time.** Gums and bones change shape, so the fit can loosen and the denture may need relining, rebasing or replacement.
- **Wear and breakage.** The snap parts (clips, caps or attachments) wear out and need periodic replacement. The denture can crack or break if dropped or misused.
- **Oral health problems.** Poor cleaning can cause denture stomatitis (fungal infection), gum inflammation, bad breath, decay of remaining teeth and staining.
- **Implant or attachment complications.** If snaps attach to implants or abutments, there is a risk of infection, loosening or implant failure.
- **Allergic reaction.** Rarely, a reaction to denture materials can occur. I have told my dentist about all known allergies.
- **Food limits.** Very hard or sticky foods can dislodge or damage the denture.
- **Swallowing or inhaling.** A loose denture or part can be swallowed or inhaled, which is a medical emergency.
- **Not a cure.** The denture does not stop bone loss and does not replace regular dental checkups.

Alternatives to treatment

My dentist has explained other options, including:

- A conventional complete or partial denture held by suction, clasps or adhesive
- A fixed implant-supported bridge or full-arch restoration (higher cost and surgery)

- A fixed dental bridge supported by natural teeth
- Leaving the missing teeth unreplaced

Each option has its own benefits, risks and costs. I chose the Home-Care Snap denture after discussing them, and I understand I may decline treatment or change my mind before it is completed.

What to expect

1. **Examination and impressions.** My dentist records my mouth, takes impressions or scans, and may take X-rays.
2. **Try-in and fit.** The denture is checked for fitness, bite and appearance before it is finalized.
3. **Delivery.** The denture is placed, the snap fit is tested, and I am taught how to insert, remove and clean it.
4. **Adjustments.** Follow-up visits are normal in the first weeks to relieve sore spots and fine-tune the bite.
5. **Ongoing care.** I return for regular checkups, and for relines or snap-part replacement when needed.

If any step requires surgery, such as placing implants, separate consents will be provided.

My home-care responsibilities

The success of this denture depends on how I care about it. I agree with:

- Remove and clean the denture every day with a soft brush and a non-abrasive denture cleanser, never regular toothpaste or hot water
- Brush my gums, tongue, palate and any remaining teeth, and clean implants or attachments as instructed
- Take the denture out for at least 6 to 8 hours a day, usually overnight, and store it in water or a denture solution
- Handle it over a towel or a sink of water to avoid drops
- Avoid biting hard objects, and avoid sticky or very hard foods
- Not adjust, bend or repair the denture or snap parts me
- Attend all follow-up and regular checkup appointments
- Call the office promptly for pain, sores, looseness, cracks or a lost snap part

Patient consent

By signing below, I confirm that:

- My dentist explained my condition, the Home-Care Snap denture, its benefits, risks, limitations and alternatives in words I understand.
- I had the chance to ask questions and my questions were answered.
- I understand no result is guaranteed, and that adjustments and replacement parts may be needed over time.
- I have disclosed my full medical history, medications and allergies.
- I agree to follow the homecare and follow-up instructions above.
- I voluntarily consent to treatment with a Home-Care Snap denture.

Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____