## **Highland Dental**

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## **Immediate Dentures**

An Immediate denture is a complete denture or partial denture inserted on the same day, immediately following the removal of natural teeth. When an immediate denture is inserted at the time of extraction, it will act as a Band-Aid to protect the tissues and reduce bleeding while the healing process has started.

Dentures are never a duplicate of teeth. New dentures are never the same as previous dentures. Jaw anatomy changes over time. The portion of your jaw that supports teeth slowly disappears once the teeth are gone. This results in changes in jaw shape. Adaptation by muscles (cheek and tongue) take some time with a new denture. It is often necessary for follow up visits for adjustments and re-fitting. A soft temporary reline material may be utilized for re-fitting your denture when it becomes loose during the healing process.

After the soft tissues have healed and shrinkage of the underlying bone has occurred (about six months following extraction), the immediate denture must be finalized by permanent reline.

You can refer to our website for post-op instructions at www.highlanddentalaz.com