

Patient Interviews

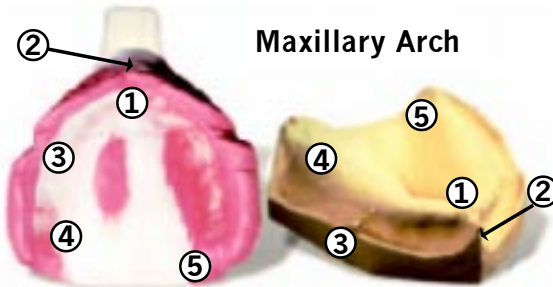
Communication is an important factor for a successful denture. It is imperative that you obtain all of the patients expectations of the dentures and if they are achievable. If these expectations cannot be met, then the patient should be referred to a specialist.

Here are several key questions to ask your patients to help uncover their expectations.

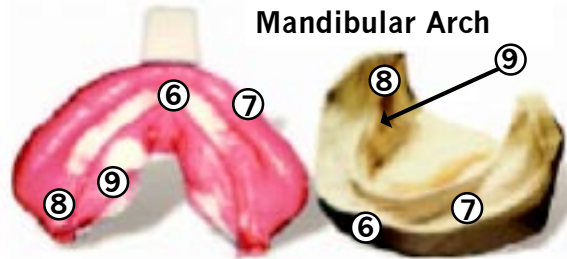
1. How long have you been wearing your present dentures? (If the patient has worn their dentures for longer than 8 years, their bite may be collapsed and require opening to normal jaw relationship.)
2. Do you have any sore spots or difficulties eating? (This may indicate the need for tissue conditioning over a few days before impressions.)
3. What would you like to change most about your dentures? (The information gathered should be detailed and specific.)
4. Are you happy with the color and shape of your teeth? (This provides the opportunity to suggest premium teeth for the denture.)
5. Are you looking for a more natural or a "Hollywood" type tooth arrangement? (You need to find out if they prefer a rotated/characterized or perfect/straight type of tooth arrangement.)

All of the information gathered from this interview will help guide you to a successful denture. Please list all pertinent information required for fabricating the denture on the prescription form.

Impressions / Models



- 1. Incisive Papilla
- 2. Labial Frenum
- 3. Buccal Frenum
- 4. Maxillary Tuberosity
- 5. Hamular Notch



- 6. Labial Frenum
- 7. Buccal Frenum
- 8. Retromolar Pad
- 9. Mylohyoid Ridge

Recommended Impression Materials

- Irreversible Hydrocolloid (Accu-Dent)
- Alginate (Jeltrate)
- Vinylpolysiloxane (Capture, Imprint, Take 1, Aquasil, Splash, etc.) *Light, regular or monophasic viscosities recommended*
- Polyether

Occlusion Rim/Set-Up Evaluation

1. Place the maxillary occlusion rim/setup orally and evaluate the midline position, length and lip support of the teeth.

(Please note: The occlusion rim teeth, if included, are an arbitrary shade and are used only for placement determination.)



Occlusion Rim

2. If needed, adjust the teeth by heating the wax with a hot spatula and moving them. Check to make sure the midline is correct with proper lip support checked from a side profile.



Lip Support

Midline

3. Also, verify that the length of the central incisors is appropriate both while the upper lip is relaxed, and during smiling (it may be helpful to moisten the wax or the inside of the lip with vaseline to prevent the lip from sticking). After you are satisfied with the position of the teeth, make sure they are well secured in the wax.



Smile Line



Incisal Edge Length

4. Determine the appropriate shade and mold of denture teeth you desire for this case.

5. Establish the vertical dimension and/or centric relation and return the occlusion rims to us.

1st Appointment

1. Oral Examination
2. Patient Interview
3. Impressions

2nd Appointment

1. Occlusion Rim Evaluation
2. Establish Vertical Dimension
3. Specific Rx Information

3rd Appointment

1. Wax Try-in Evaluation

4th Appointment

1. Deliver finished denture

Occlusion Rim..... 3 days In Lab
Wax Try-In..... 5 days In Lab
Process and Finish..... 5 days In Lab

Teeth Available

New Hue Plastic, Dentsply Classic®, Portrait IPN®, Bioform, Bioblend, Biotone, Ivoclar Chromascop and more
Bleached Shades also available!

