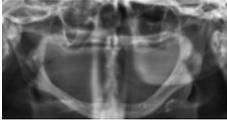
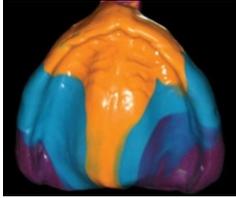


# It takes 6+ visits to make a denture!

Visit #	What it looks like	What it is
1		<p><b>Exam and Diagnostic Impressions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We take an x-ray to make sure you don't have any bits of teeth hiding anywhere, and screen for oral cancer or other pathology.</li> <li>• We also evaluate the condition of your mouth, such as shape of your remaining bone and quality of your gums, to assess the likelihood of a good denture fit. Sometimes we'll recommend alveoplasty – a surgical reshaping of your jaw bone – to help improve fit of the future denture.</li> <li>• We then take the first molds, or impressions, using stock trays.</li> </ul>
<b>Time between appointments: 2 weeks</b>		
2		<p><b>Final Impressions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our lab makes a custom tray that only fits your mouth based on the original molds that we made at the first visit.</li> <li>• At this visit we take impressions using the custom tray and exceptionally accurate materials. This helps the denture have good fit for best retention.</li> </ul>
<b>Time between appointments: 2 weeks for completes and resin partials /3 weeks for a cast metal partial</b>		
3		<p><b>Metal framework/MMR visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We verify the relationship of your jaws to make sure your dentures fit well together when you eat or speak.</li> <li>• We select the proper size, shape, color, and position of your denture teeth.</li> <li>• If you are getting a cast metal partial denture, we will check the fit of the metal.</li> </ul>
<b>Time between appointments: 3 weeks</b>		
4		<p><b>Try-In visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your teeth are set in wax by the lab. At this visit we try in the "trial" dentures so we can verify the position and appearance of teeth.</li> <li>• We choose the gum color for your dentures.</li> </ul>
<b>Time between appointments: 3 weeks</b>		
5		<p><b>Delivery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We try in your new dentures and make necessary adjustments.</li> <li>• We discuss how to take care of your dentures at home and what to expect.</li> <li>• You get to take your new teeth home!</li> </ul>
<b>Time between appointments: 3-5 days, then as needed</b>		
6		<p><b>Adjustments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new set of dentures is like a new set of shoes - they can rub a bit in some areas. But your mouth is more sensitive than your feet, so after a few days we check the fit!</li> <li>• It is normal for it to have 3 visits for denture adjustments after the delivery, and some people need even more adjustments before their dentures are totally comfortable.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Your jaw changes over time! If you have a complete denture, plan to visit us once per year to check on your oral health and the fit of your denture. If you have a partial, please continue to come to your regular 3 or 6 month hygiene appointments so that we can keep the rest of your teeth healthy!</i></b></p>		