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What to expect after receiving your partial dentures

Full feeling

It may take a few weeks to get used to having the partial denture in your mouth. Many patients report feeling like their mouth is full, with less room for their tongue. This sensation will decrease as you consistently wear your partial denture.

Increased salivation

Having a new object in your mouth may increase your salivation. This will decrease as you consistently wear your dentures.

Sore spots

You may initially notice sore spots where your partial denture touches your gums. Please call our office to schedule a quick adjustment appointment.

Daily cleaning

Your new partial denture will never get a cavity, but it will start to collect plaque and calculus that may stain and smell. Daily washing of your partial denture using hand soap and a toothbrush is highly recommended.

Nightly tissue rest

If you never take out your partial denture, your gums may become sore and inflamed and cavities on your natural teeth may develop. A simple remedy for this is to remove your partial denture before you brush your teeth-to allow cleansing, and before you sleep-to restore a healthy blood flow to your gums.

Removing your partial

Ideally, you will not have to grab the thin metal clasping arms in order to remove your partial. Try to remove your partial denture by holding the thicker metal or plastic parts on each side. This will more evenly distribute the forces you are placing on the partial denture and will lead to less loosening over time.