

Adaptation and habituation to new dentures

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Complete dentures, a non biological appliance, were and are still used to replace missing teeth and surrounding structures. Its main objectives are Esthetics, Speech, Function and Psychological state improvement. Dentists must realize that, just as dentate patients vary in their dental treatment complexity; edentulous patients also vary in the difficulty of their treatment plan. There are two main problems facing the removable Prosthodontist being: Denture construction which however its fabrication is at the highest standards still is an unpleasant experience to all patients in the beginning and improves by time. This varies from one to several years according to the patient's attitude, age, gender, socio-economical level and culture. The second problem being the patient him/herself. "We must meet the mind of the patient before the mouth." Said by M. M. Devan. Problems of edentulous patients are both physical and psychological. Good interview, communication and note how patients present themselves for the concerns of their appearance, overall attitude and expectations concerning treatment is very important. In conclusion to successfully treat edentulous patients a great deal of information is required to complete a proper diagnosis, including patient mental attitude, past and present medical and dental conditions, and extra and intra-oral examinations. In addition to the clinical experience and skill of the whole dental team.

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