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# Consent Form for Immediate Denture

#### **Overview of Immediate Dentures**

Immediate dentures are a convenient solution for patients requiring the removal of teeth and the placement of a denture on the same day. This approach ensures there is no period where you are without teeth, allowing you to maintain your appearance and ability to eat and speak immediately after extractions.

While immediate dentures offer significant benefits, it is important to understand their limitations and the potential need for adjustments as your mouth heals.

#### Advantages of Immediate Dentures

- No Time Without Teeth: You leave the clinic with a functional and aesthetically
  pleasing set of teeth on the same day as your extractions.
- **Protection During Healing:** The denture acts as a bandage over the extraction sites, and the healing can adapt to the shape of the dentures.

#### **Disadvantages of Immediate Dentures**

- 1. The denture cannot be tried in. As you will have teeth until the very last moment, the lab will do their best to guess how your denture should be. This means that immediate dentures are not as well fitted as conventionally made dentures (where we extract the teeth, allow for healing and then make the denture).
- 2. Fit Changes Over Time:

As your gums and jawbone heal after tooth extraction, natural shrinkage and changes in shape will occur. This may result in your immediate denture feeling loose or uncomfortable over time.

3. Future Adjustments:

To maintain comfort and function, you will likely need:

- **Relines:** To refit the denture as your gums heal and shrink.
- Replacement Denture: In some cases, after the healing process is complete (typically 6–12 months), a new denture may be required to ensure optimal fit and function.
- 4. Initial Discomfort after extractions:

Immediate dentures may feel like they do not sit properly initially due to the extraction sites. Chewing on your dentures until the healing has completed (at least 3 weeks) can be very uncomfortable as you are putting pressure on the extraction sites. Adjustments may be necessary to improve comfort during the healing period.



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### Your Commitment to Follow-Up Care

To achieve the best long-term results, it is important to attend all scheduled follow-up appointments. These visits allow us to monitor your healing process and make any necessary adjustments to your denture.

## **Acknowledgment and Consent**

I, the undersigned, confirm that:

**Patient Signature:** 

- 1. I have discussed the benefits, risks, and limitations of immediate dentures with my dentist.
- 2. I understand that while immediate dentures provide the advantage of leaving the clinic with teeth on the day of extraction, they may not fit properly as my mouth heals.
- 3. I understand that future relines or a replacement denture will likely be necessary to maintain proper fit and function.
- 4. I am committed to following the care instructions provided and attending all follow-up appointments for adjustments and monitoring.
- 5. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the procedure and am satisfied with the explanations provided.
- 6. I consent to proceed with the extraction of my teeth and the placement of immediate dentures.

Patient Name:
DOB:
Date:
Thank you for trusting <b>Marius Street Family Dental</b> with your dental care. If you have any question or concerns during or after your treatment, please don't hesitate to contact us.