

FLDC DENTURE REFERENCE

NOTES, NOTES AND MORE NOTES!

The more the lab tech knows about the Patient's needs and concerns **BEFORE** starting the construction of the patients prosthetic... the more accurate the end result will be. Over communication with the lab reduces the number of steps in the overall process from initiation to delivery resulting in less visits for the patient, less teeth resets, less occupied Doctor chair time, quick and accurate turnaround and happier patients.

NOTE SECTION IN LAB RX

Notes from the Doctor or the DA to the Lab Tech should be typed in the "Notes" section on the generation screen of the Lab RX. If notes are hand written, they will **NOT** copy over to the script, they will not be traceable in Open Dental in the future and they may not be seen by the Lab Tech.

At the initial impression appointment please discuss and needs or concerns the patient has with their current/future prosthetic. If they have an existing denture, do they like the size and shape of the teeth, the tooth shade, is there anything they would like to change? If the patient will be getting extractions, do they have any pictures of what their smile used to look like, if they have natural teeth left do they like how they look? If there is a space between their front teeth (diastema), do they want to keep that space? Anything they are hoping to achieve with their new smile ie: less gum showing, bigger/smaller teeth etc. Please write any of this useful information in the notes section as well.

SNAP IMPRESSIONS

If the patient has an existing denture that they are happy with, please either take an alginate "snap Impression " of the existing denture or bring it to the lab to be scanned on the Shining for technician reference. This is extremely important if the patient wants the "exact" same tooth arrangement or the same size/shape of teeth. If the patient is edentulous and doesn't have existing dentures please make a note on the Lab RX.

SETTING UP FOR A DENTURE STEP APPOINTMENT

When setting up a room for the patient's next appointment, please double check the lab script/case pan for notes from the technician. The lab tech may make notes for the Doctor or the DA of items needed or special instructions for that appointment. If the notes are not read, it may result in calling the patient back to the office for an additional appointment. Please take the time to check the RX and convey notes to the Doctor.

SENDING CASES/CREATING THE NEW SCRIPT FOR THE NEXT LAB STEP

All old or past lab scripts should remain with the case until the final delivery to ensure no notes are lost and accuracy of billing. With multiple people in the lab doing the billing it is extremely important and helpful for us to be able to look back at the previous lab slip to see what the other technician has billed out to the Doctor.

All case materials should always be kept together and sent back and forth each time a case goes to the lab.

DISINFECTION AND DENTURE ADHESIVE

Please disinfect everything patient related upon or before entering the lab.

If denture adhesive (ie: poligrip or fixodent) is used in base plates when taking bite registrations or doing wax try ins it is important to remove all of the adhesive before putting anything back on the stone models. The denture adhesive softens stone models and may result in deformation, this also applies when taking pick up impressions or wash impressions. Please be sure to check and make sure all of the denture adhesive is out of the patient's prosthetic and out of their mouth. Model stone will be porous and not set up properly with denture adhesive on it resulting in the patient having to return for a new impression.

If you are unsure of anything denture or lab related... **IT's OK...** the lab tech will be happy to help you and answer questions. If you are unsure, please ask questions before the patient leaves the office to ensure we have everything we need. It's much easier to ask now than to have to call the patient to come back to the office.

DENTURE STEPS

IMMEDIATE DENTURES/PARTIALS

(When the patient is having teeth extracted)

2 VISITS

IMPRESSION WITH BLUE BITE → FINISH

OR

3 VISITS

IMPRESSION → BITE BLOCK → FINISH

PERMANENT FULL DENTURES

4 VISITS

IMPRESSION → CUSTOM TRAY/SECONDARY IMPRESSION & BITE BLOCK → TEETH TRY
IN → FINISH

OR

3 VISITS

ASAP/WASH IMPRESSION → TEETH TRY IN → FINISH

OR

3 VISITS

DUPLICATE PRINTED DENTURE/WASH IMPRESSION → TEETH TRY IN → FINISH

PERMANENT PARTIAL DENTURES

4 VISITS

IMPRESSION → BITE BLOCK/FRAME TRYIN → TEETH TRY IN → FINISH

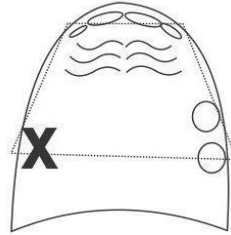
OR

3 VISITS

IMPRESSION WITH BLUE BITE → FRAME/TEETH TRY IN → FINISH

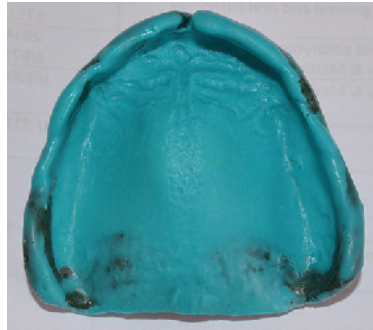
WHAT'S MY NEXT STEP?

WHEN DO I NEED A BITE BLOCK?



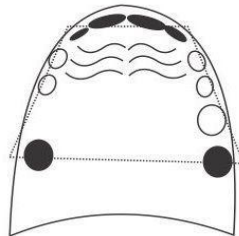
If the patient is edentulous or they do not have enough remaining teeth to make contact with the opposing teeth in the anterior and the Left/Right posteriors.

WHEN CAN WE TAKE AN ASAP IMPRESSION?



If the patient has an existing denture that isn't extremely loose or way too tight and it is in usable (not broken) condition we can take a wash impression with the denture and eliminate the bite block step. Not only does this method give the technician lots of valuable information it also saves Doctor chair time. If the patient likes the existing denture it works best to duplicate their old denture then to start with bite blocks. Please indicate anything the patient wishes to change and also anything they'd like to keep the same.

WHEN DO WE NEED TO TAKE A BLUE BITE?



When the patient has enough contact with their existing teeth to successfully mount the case. The patient should have contact in BOTH the right and left posterior and preferably an anterior stop.