



Congratulations on your new smile!

Now that you are comfortable in your new complete denture(s), we would like to remind you that an annual dental checkup is still an important part of your overall health. Of course, the daily home care of your denture(s) is essential. However, it is also highly recommended that you visit Dr. Tyler and his hygienist Bonnie, once per year, for the following procedures:

- Intraoral and extraoral cancer screening examination.
- Evaluation of your denture(s) retention, support, stability, wearing of tooth surfaces, and occlusion/bite.
- Denture adjustments if necessary.
- Professional cleaning of your denture(s). We use an Ultrasonic Cleaner with a calculus and stain remover soak. If required, the acrylic will be pumiced and polished on our lathe.

Oral cancer is non-discriminatory. Patients without teeth are at the same risk as a patient with all their teeth. Although those who smoke or use chewing tobacco have a higher risk, oral cancer affects nonsmokers as well. The leading cause of oropharyngeal (throat) cancer is Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), one of the most common viruses in the United States. Early detection is the key. Dr. Tyler takes this part of his job very seriously.

There are many factors that will change the fit and comfort of your dentures over time. Research shows that once the teeth are removed, the jawbone shrinks and changes shape. By using dental adhesive, you may have masked the loose fit of your dentures. Even though you have adapted to these dentures, you are not receiving the function and appearance you deserve. According to the American Dental Association (ADA), a denture needs refitted or replaced every 5-10 years on average.

We want to protect your dental health and do our part to contribute to increasing your quality of life. We look out for our own!

Enjoy your new smile...and we'll see you in a year!!

Yours in Dental Health,

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