

Re: Denture question

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If you gagged on the gel stuff that these dentists use, (no offense meant but I hate the stuff) the denture is so much different and I doubt if you will gag on it if it is fitted properly. It does have to go back like has been explained so you have good suction to keep it up and not have to use all the paste and stuff. I think that you might have yourself freaked and worried over something that won't be as extreme as you are telling yourself. Dentures don't drip and touch your tonsils like the gel can. Maybe if your relaxed, take a deep breath and think about how many have dentures and live with it. I had no choice do to illness and I have to say real teeth are better no doubt but I have no big problems with wearing mine. I hope you get through this. UM MOM Susan

"ouch!" <mamas682@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:1109779430.968891.244180@o13g2000cwo.googlegroups.com...

> Hello. As you may remember, I am getting ready to get full upper
> dentures. Well, I had my appointment with the prosthodontist and I came
> home and cried for an hour. He explained that I would have to learn to
> talk and eat again and that I will look different for a year or so
> (fuller upper lip) and my gag reflex will be a problem. Not very
> encouraging, especially since he told me I have no other choice at this
> point. He also said that the implant dentures would be best as their
> would be no upper palate to deal with. But, implants are \$2000.00 a
> piece and he said I would need 5! I feel that it is going to be an
> uphill battle all the way with this dentist because I told him that I
> don't want the palate of the denture to go all the way back and he said
> it has to. I asked if it could ever be shortened and he said yes but
> you will lose stability, etc. He wants to do it his way and see if I can
> get used to it. I, on the other hand, know that I cannot! I'm not going
> to fool myself - I know what my limitations are. He also wants to
> replace all of the upper teeth - I have not had more than 8 natural
> upper teeth in 10 years! My questions are these:
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> 1. Can I have a standard denture that has 10 teeth only? I understand
> that this might not seem ideal to a dentist however, this is what I am
> comfortable with.
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> 2. With having 10 teeth only, will this change how far back the denture
> palate has to go for the maximum stability?
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- > 3. With having 10 teeth, does this change the number of implants that I
- > would need if I went that route? It seems that if 5 implants will hold
- > a denture replacing 16 teeth, that maybe 2 could hold 10?
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- > The dentist said that I have excellent bone and gum tissue, if that
- > makes a difference. It probably sounds like I should be asking my
- > dentist these questions, but, when I get in the chair I freeze. I seem
- > to find myself saying "yes, doctor" even when I don't agree. I don't
- > want to be the "difficult" patient! I'm hoping that getting some
- > information beforehand will help me with that. Thanks a bunch and sorry
- > for the long post :)
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