

Preparations for Dentures

Dr. Kress says

Adjusting to dentures can be an anxious transition, but we are here to help. My staff is trained to walk you through step by step what to expect, and making the experience a positive one. Please call for a consultation. We would be happy to answer your questions. Below are some common questions and answers that might help you in preparing for dentures.

Which type of dentures do I need?

We have developed a [denture guide](#) for our patients in the Lexington, KY area seeking dentures. There are several types of dentures, depending on the number of teeth you have left. Please visit our [denture guide](#) for more information.

When and where will I get my teeth taken out?

Tooth extractions for dentures can be completed in our office, without the need to visit an oral surgeon. At our office, your comfort is our top priority and regardless of the type of anesthesia you choose, we do our best to eliminate any sensation of sharp pain. Learn more about [oral surgery and tooth extractions](#).

After I have my teeth taken out, when do I get my denture?

Depending on the treatment selected, an immediate or interim denture can be placed the same day of your extractions. This immediate denture is more for esthetics and tissue healing. After your tissues completely heal, usually after waiting six weeks, your new complete dentures are made.

Will I need bone shaping surgery?

Sometimes to create an optimal fit for your denture, an additional surgery is required to smooth your jaw bone and contour it to fit your new denture. There is no way to predict whether or not this surgery is necessary without thorough evaluation by your Lexington, KY dentist at Commonwealth Smiles.

How long does my denture last?

A good denture will last with proper esthetics and function for at least five years and should be replaced every seven to ten years.