



Four Implant Fixed Lower Denture

Patient Information sheet

This is an excellent option for patients who want a non-removable solution and have limited bone loss. It provides perfect stability since the teeth are screwed onto the implants and are not removable. All of the bite force is supported by the implants and there is no soft tissue support. Due to the fact that the prosthesis sits on four implants in the front of the jaw, it only extends to the first molar. Any teeth further back than this can but excessive pressure on the implants.

People considering this treatment usually have a standard complete upper denture or a denture retained by implants. Bone loss at the back of the jaws can be considerable since no implants are placed in this region. All implants are placed in the front of the mouth.

What can be expected from this treatment is a fixed denture that is very stable during eating and speaking. There is no movement with hard biting. The look of the denture is very natural. The denture cannot be removed for cleaning. Patient care is required and can be difficult for some patients with limited dexterity. It would include nightly brushing and flossing.

The healing time is short. A denture can be worn shortly after surgery or a temporary plastic prosthesis can be fabricated and attached to the implants on the same day as the surgery. Any discomfort experienced after the surgery should be minimal. Placement of the implants is under local anesthetic and with mild sedation if desired. Surgeries take place at Warmland Dental. Patients are expected to present to the surgeons office at least once per year for 'check-ups'.



This treatment requires the placement of four implants and a fixed denture. Expect to pay \$11,000 for the surgery and the final prosthesis connected to the implants. If a temporary prosthesis is to be placed immediately at the time of surgery, it would require an additional \$1500.