



# Two Implant Retained Lower Denture

## Patient Information sheet

An economical way to take advantage of implant treatment to secure a lower denture is to keep the number of dental implants to a minimum. The absolute minimum number of implants is two. This will stop the denture from rising up in the mouth and hold it in place while eating.

People considering this treatment often have a denture on the other jaw that also is a little loose. Patients choosing this option may be more price sensitive and cannot afford more comprehensive treatment plan, or they do not feel that more implants are necessary in their case. These patients may also have a great deal of bone loss and have very thin jaws.

What can be expected from this treatment is a denture that does not move side to side but will still have a slight rock. What this means is that when one bites on the front teeth, the back of the denture will lift. The majority of biting force is on the gums, not on the implants. The presence of denture sores will be drastically reduced and the choice of foods will be greatly expanded. The denture looks very natural.

There is a 4 month healing time while the implants heal into the jaw bone. During this time the denture is worn with a soft liner. At four months the connectors are added to the denture for a secure fit. 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 is not an option for an upper denture, only a lower denture can be secured in this fashion.

The low number of implants means that the surgical costs and attachments are kept close to \$4000. Complete with a new lower denture, about \$6000. Complete with a new upper and lower denture, about \$8000.

