

Dalhousie Faculty of Dentistry Full Clearance Extractions for Complete Dentures Protocol:

Full clearance extractions for complete dentures should only be undertaken if there is no need for a surgical template (stent) to ensure an acceptable residual ridge morphology. If a surgical template (stent) is deemed necessary, immediate denture(s) should be planned instead.

- A. EXTRACTIONS AT THE FACULTY:** Book full clearance extraction surgeries for **Monday or Thursday afternoons only**. Appointments must be **booked at least 2 weeks prior to surgery** through the Patient Services Receptionist for Grad Clinics and **must be identified as a full clearance extraction case at the time of booking. Request that the Prosthodontist is to be advised of the appointment.** Only 2 cases of immediate denture or full clearance extraction bookings will be accepted per day. All full clearance extractions will be supervised by a **Prosthodontist** in conjunction with **OMFS supervising surgeons**.

B. EXTRACTIONS AT THE VG (for medical reasons or complex cases): Appointments must be **booked at least 2 weeks prior to surgery** through VG and **must be identified as a full clearance extraction case at the time of booking.** Students are required to be present with their patient for the appointment.
- Students tell **both the attending surgeon and Prosthodontist** that they have full clearance extraction case for complete dentures as soon as possible at the beginning of the surgery clinic, so that the case can be presented, and the surgery can be properly prioritized.
- Following extractions, evaluate the ridge to ensure it is rounded with no areas of severe undercuts or pronounced bony projections. These areas may require extra socket compression or bony recontouring to provide proper contours for the fabrication or insertion of a complete denture. Ensure interproximal bone and any other sharp bony edges are rounded to minimize need for additional surgeries for recontouring.
- When in doubt, raise a flap to enable proper bony contouring for removal of severe undercuts or bony projections.
- (Extractions at the Faculty of Dentistry location only):** Do not place sutures until evaluation of the ridge is performed by a **Prosthodontist**.
- The student **MUST** book a 3-week post-extraction appointment to reevaluate the bony contours of the edentulous ridge in a prosthodontic, CC or SGP block. This appointment will determine whether additional alveoplasty surgery is required at 6 weeks post-extraction.