

Denture Identification Guidance

For care home staff

Why do it?

Dentures can easily be mislaid in care homes or hospitals, particularly if clients have dementia. This can cause distress, difficulty eating, is costly and it is often difficult for older people to adapt to new dentures, particularly if they have been without them for the several weeks it takes to make a new set.

All dentures should be marked on admission.



How to put a name on a denture

1. Remove dentures from the client's mouth & clean with soapy water and a nail brush/ denture brush over a sink filled with water.
2. Disinfect the dentures by soaking for 30 minutes in a dilute Milton solution or if it is a metal denture use a Dentural cleaning solution.
3. Dry the denture.
4. Choose an area of the denture that won't be visible when the person smiles.
5. Use a fine permanent marker to write patients name or initials & date of birth. Wait to dry.
6. Apply fine layer of clear nail varnish & allow to dry.
7. Rinse with water and replace in the person's mouth.
8. Check every now and then and repeat if needed.

As the denture has been disinfected the pen and varnish can be used again without risk of cross infection.