



## **HOMECARE AFTER DENTAL IMPLANTS HAVE BEEN PLACED**

Within 4 to 5 days, the initial swelling will be gone and the surgical area will be less painful. The denture that you have may have been wearing can be lined with a soft material and placed back in your mouth to improve your speech and appearance. You should be able to return to work or resume normal daily activities comfortably by this time. During this initial healing time your dentures should be for smiling and talking only. A soft diet is needed.

If stitches closing the wound have not come out on their own by this time, your surgeon may remove them after 10 to 14 days.

**You must not use your denture to chew solid food until one of the doctors say you can do so.**

The ability of your mouth to successfully accept the implants depend on their not being disturbed during the first 4 to 6 weeks after surgery. *A soft diet must be continued during this period.*