

Using your prosthesis

This leaflet explains how to position your maxillofacial prosthesis.

About your prosthesis

Each patient is individual and we endeavour to provide holistic care, as we know everyone's needs are different.

The prosthesis is constructed from silicon or a mixture of silicone and acrylic.

Making a prosthesis takes approximately four visits. An impression of the site is needed and colour matching is also required.

Positioning the prosthesis

1. Stand or sit in front of a mirror.
2. Practice placing the prosthesis in the correct position. Ensure contact area of the prosthesis is clean.
3. The prosthesis is held in place by a special medical skin adhesive. The particular adhesive used will depend on the patient's individual requirements.
4. Apply a layer of the adhesive around the edges of the prosthesis; adhesive can be used on other areas of the prosthesis if it contacts with the skin and if it is thought necessary for better retention.
5. The prosthesis should be removed and cleaned before going to bed. If a cleaning agent is needed it will be supplied with the prosthesis; verbal instructions will also be given. When not in use the prosthesis should be stored in a suitable container in a safe place and out of sunlight.
6. The prosthesis and skin should be cleaned before the prosthesis is re-attached.
7. Verbal care instructions will also be given when the prosthesis is provided.

For further information please contact Keith Alexander, Principal Maxillofacial Prosthetist on his direct line: **0118 322 7674**.

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Please ask if you need this information in another language or format.

Keith Alexander, Principal Maxillofacial Prosthetist, April 2023

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