



# What is the Youngest Age That You Have Put Someone in Dentures?

What a sad state of affairs for these young patients.

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Patient is 15 years old and I have already had to pull 7-10 due to extent of decay. The patient needs 3, 14 and 19 out. He has rampant decay on the facial of every tooth. I feel like we need to try and save as many as we can but I don't think the home care is there. So it got me wondering. What is the youngest that you have made a set of dentures for a patient? ■



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**oldwisdomtooth**

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I had a mother call me once saying her 13-year-old daughter was told she needed dentures. I was shocked and had her bring her daughter up. Sure enough. The poor girl's mouth was not able to be restored. I recently asked the mom how her daughter was doing and she said, "Great. Everyone thinks the orthodontist did a great job!" Sad. ■

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**almunk**

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Nineteen year old is the youngest I have slicked. Caries, bulimia, pregnant, the whole catastrophe. ■

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**Timmy G**

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Sixteen years old. Put a real pit in my stomach. She was a complete and total meth addict. Nearly 95 percent of teeth were off to the gum line. She came from rehab to me, we did dentures, immediates. A few weeks later she was back in rehab. I don't know what happened to her then. I kind of doubt she made it but I don't know. ■

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**westonDMD**

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Twelve year old with some unusual syndrome, lost all anteriors, few posteriors left. ■

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**tinker-bell**

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Eighteen year old from Mexico at community clinic in San Rafael in Marin County. It wasn't the first set for him so I guess he must started since he was much younger. I did not speak a word of Spanish back then and he didn't speak any English so there was not much I knew about the case. ■

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**JustNat**

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Youngest person I ever told needed a denture was 17, a meth addict and in juvie. I cried after he left, he seemed so defeated. Never saw him again, because he was being transferred somewhere further north if I remember correctly. I have done several dentures for people in their early twenties. Just saw one of them today. She loves her denture and gets compliments on it. She had severely crowded teeth and tons of decay. There was no way to make those teeth look nice when

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MA is footing the bill. That denture really changed her life for the better, at least now anyway. She is one of my favorite patients. ■

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**toofache32**

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I slicked a 16-year-old girl in dental school. The only thing she cared about was "will I git mah teef before prom?" ■

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**btothec**

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I've put in some time in low income areas and on some reservations so I'm pretty tough at this game. I've had several (10-15-year-old) teenagers. I think the youngest was 15. Probably another 20-30 under 25 years old. Most of them do love their dentures ... have to be better than the meth mouthed stumps they were used to sporting.

Sad but funny when they come in with denture sores from the bone growing in, i.e. their wisdom teeth erupting. ■

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**Phil's Grills**

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Youngest I've ever made the denture myself, the patient was in their forties, but I've slicked 4-5 patients in their teens and twenties. All were either new patients at the public health clinic who we refer to a mill for dentures since we didn't make them or even keep any proper equipment to adjust them, or Mission of Mercy patients.

A couple of them weren't even meth heads, they were Amish. Those people might make some amazing furniture and shun electricity, but they sure don't shun sugar.

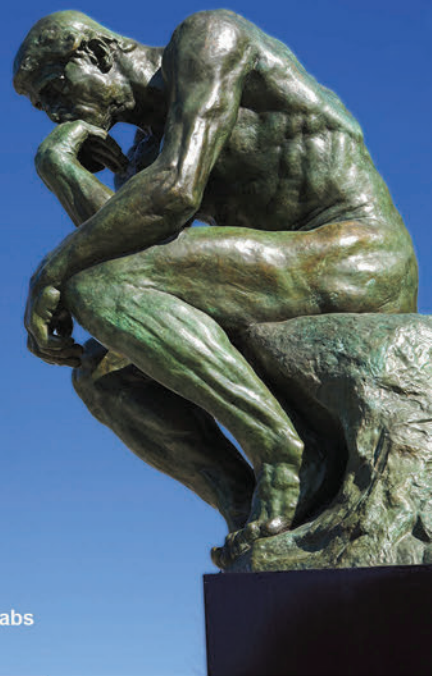
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One of the patients was during my first year of practice and she was a high school classmate. Apparently in the 10 years since I had last seen her while I was at college and dental school, she just smoked a lot of meth. We weren't friends, but in a small town and just 130 or so in the class, you still know who everyone is, even if you don't hang out. Still weirds me out. Maybe I should think more about doing full mouth extractions on the dozens of other nearly faceless people I've done them for, but it's easier to write them off as "just some nasty druggie" than someone who sat across the room from you in English class. I dunno ... ■

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**web3**

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Nineteen. Medicaid. Stated he wasn't worried about his teeth because his insurance would buy him new ones. He thought he was going to get the "screw in teeth." ■

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**toofache32**

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I had a lady in dental school about 40 years old. We were getting her set up for a full mouth extraction. She asked, "how long do it take for the new teeth to grow back in?" ■

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**camgrant7**

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About 15 years ago I had a 12-year-old boy when I was working way up north (fly-in dental clinic). The mother brought him and they only spoke Cree. I had to get the dental assistant to translate. ■

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**dentalninja**

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Twenty-five-year-old male, former drug user with caries in every tooth. He wanted nice teeth for his wedding. I felt awful about doing complete upper/lower dentures on someone that age and originally treatment planned a full upper and lower RPD with restorative on #22-27.

His godmother insisted on F/F or she wouldn't pay for it. She told me "I know him better than you, and he's not going to take care of any work you do." I made him an immediate upper and lower & he had 28 teeth extracted at the oral surgeon.

She was right. He came in for one adjustment (pre-wedding) and I never saw him again. The godmother tells me that he's fine without the dentures (gumming his food) and that he says it's just too much of a hassle for him to come to the dentist for adjustments. Also, he doesn't care about the dentures not fitting well because he didn't pay for them. Ugh. So glad I didn't do any restorative on him. ■

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**NMans**

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Mine was 14 when he came to me. Vietnamese immigrant who didn't speak English. His grandma barely spoke any English. All root stumps, nothing to save. By the time I got the extractions and impressions squared away the kid moved to Sacramento. Gave him a list of providers who would take medi-cal and his casts. Still troubles me to this day to see that amount of decay on one so young. ■

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**visscher**

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I once worked by a US military base. There are strip clubs run by the same guys at each base in Asia and they rotate the girls between shops. Kept coming in asking us to put them in dentures and wouldn't let us talk to them since the girls didn't speak English. I hope those teenagers still have their teeth. ■

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