



About Midtown Denture Clinic

At the Midtown Denture Clinic, Owner Rick Bianchi and Associate Peter Iapichino take pride in giving their clients a smile they can be proud of. Their clinic is located at 1171/2 Welland Avenue in St. Catharines.

There's a very good reason why so many denture wearers trust and recommend Rick Bianchi, D.D. and Peter Iapichino, D.D. of the Midtown Denture Clinic. They appreciate the personal and expert attention that they provide to each of their clients. Each client is treated with the respect and consideration they deserve.

Rick and Peter work directly with their patients at every stage of the denture fabricating process. From the consultation to the laboratory and clinical creation of a smile and functional dentures, Rick and Peter pride themselves on creating comfortable smiles and building relationships that patients trust.

Denturism has been a regulated health profession since 1974. Denturists are trained in all aspects of denture fitting and fabrication, from taking impressions of the mouth to personally creating dentures in their laboratory. In this way, clients enjoy a personalized and cost-effective service.

"We provide patients with the treatment and service that we would expect to receive," Rick says.

If you have missing teeth, broken or loose teeth or existing dentures that are over five years old, you should take a few minutes and book a free consultation with the Midtown Denture Clinic. Many options are available and sitting down with Rick or Peter you can find a solution that is right for you. As denture specialists, denturists are professionals in replicating a natural smile and can be consulted without a referral. Annual or biannual checkups with your denturist are recommended to ensure optimal oral health.

Denturists are not dentists, Rick explains. A denturist's sole purpose is to fabricate full and partial dentures and custom fitting the dentures. In fact, many local dentists refer their denture patients to the Midtown Denture Clinic. Each person's mouth—like their bodies—is unique. It takes a great deal of care and experience to design and fit dentures that will improve a patient's appearance and function.

Rick began his career as a dental technician in 1987, having taken both the Dental Technology and Denturist programs at George Brown College. George Brown was the only college in the province to offer



these programs. He worked with a group of dentists in Toronto, operating a dental laboratory. Rick then decided to specialize in dentures and became a licensed denturist in 1999.

In 2002, Rick took over the Denture Clinic on Lake Street from Clive Mussell, a founder of Denturism, and worked with Clive before he died in 2003. In 2005 Bianchi renamed the clinic

the Midtown Denture Clinic and relocated the clinic to its current location at 1171/2 Welland Avenue.

Peter Iapichino started his career as a dental technician for Rick while he was completing his studies at George Brown, back in 2003. Peter has been a licensed denturist since 2006.

"Peter has proven invaluable to our growth as health care providers," Rick says. With Peter on board, the Midtown Denture Clinic is able to provide house call services to the entire Niagara Peninsula. In today's fast paced world, it's a service that many elderly patients appreciate and take advantage of.

Rick and Peter are both Biofunctional Prosthetic System (B.P.S.) Masters Certified. This extra training allows them to demonstrate their commitment to their profession and to their clients.

Over the last few years, the Midtown Denture Clinic has undergone some remodeling with the addition of a new state-of-the-art laboratory. Located across the street from the Midtown Plaza on Welland Avenue, the clinic is housed in a converted century home.

At the Midtown Denture Clinic, premium dentures are designed to restore the natural contour of your lips and facial muscles. Using very specific instrumentation, the denturists record impressions of their patients' jaws and specific jaw movements.

A permanent soft liner can be added to the surface of most dentures. This can act as a comfortable cushion between the plastic base and the gums. Soft liners are often used in cases where the gums are flat due to recession.

Removable partial dentures replace one or more missing teeth and greatly improve one's ability to chew and speak. They can be made of different materials such as a metal acrylic combination or flexible thermoplastics.

The preferred method of replacing teeth is dental implants. They can be used to replace one or many missing teeth. Implants have an excellent success rate and are the closest replacement to natural teeth. They also help to retain the integrity of your facial structure.

It takes four to six visits to provide dentures, Rick says. According to Rick and Peter, the ultimate success of any dentures depends on the patient's gums and their attitude to having dentures and the expertise of the dentist.

The Midtown Denture Clinic provides several services including oral assessment and consultation; full, partial and immediate dentures (placed at time of extraction) as well as implant retained and supported dentures. Same day repairs including the relining or rebasing of existing loose dentures are also available. HWS