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Simcoe Dental dentist Shlomo Sharer operates a digital scanner to take impressions of a patient to make dentures using a computer model and 3D printer. Sharer is a pioneer in the new system.

Dog eat your dentures? 3D denturist can help

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Your dog ate your dentures. And there's a special occasion days away. No teeth. Not good. Now what?

Barrie's digital denturist Shlomo Sharer could be your savior.

The owner of Ivory Digital Denture has developed a new high-tech system that could have you showing off your pearly whites much earlier than if you took the conventional route.

"I get a call my dog ate my denture. That happens a lot. It's common. Ask any dentist," Sharer says at his Bayfield Street clinic. "They need them now. They are in a panic. Now I can take care of them."

Sharer scans a patient's mouth with a digital scanner. The information is transferred to a computer, where it is used to create

dentures in the clinic's 3D printer instead of having the work done offsite at a lab.

"We know where your gums are even though we can't see through the skin. We know exactly the position for the dentures in seconds instead of hours," Sharer says.

The patient can look at a digital image on a laptop screen and see how the dentures would look.

"We send it to our trusty 3D printer," Sharer says. "The patient comes on Monday morning, we do the work Monday morning, we get paid Monday morning."

Before new technology became available, creating dentures was a time-consuming, laborious procedure that would take about a month and five to seven visits.

"Quite a few years ago, I

was getting frustrated that the process that we do is very mechanical, very subject to error. It's a lot of trial and error."

Sharer unveiled his patent-pending 3D scanning, modelling and printing technology at a Toronto event June 13.

He's had interest in his system from denturists as far away as New Zealand, he says.

"Before, the technology wasn't up to speed but it is now. A whole bunch of technology has come together making dentures possible."

Getting new dentures may be much quicker now, but Sharer agrees it's still a good idea to keep them away from Fido.

For more information call Ivory Digital Denture at 647-294-2964, visit ivorydigitaldenture.com, or email sharer@ivorydigitaldenture.com.

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