

## PBL- OPPGAVE 8TH SEMESTER.

### Week 1 PBL

#### **”Not what she expected”**

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Soon after qualifying you did a locum job for a Colleague at Tynset. It was a promising start to your career with variable and challenging tasks, a good atmosphere and down to earth and grateful patients. Your first patients were the director of the dairy Nils Oldertøren and his wife Marit. Both of them had got to the stage where they needed full upper and full lower dentures for the first time. You did not get an opportunity to make immediate dentures during your clinical practice as a student so you put all your efforts into the job, and the results were better than expected.

When you left after four months Oldertørens came with cured fish and homemade flatbread as appreciation for their teeth. Not surprisingly you later looked back at the time in Tynset with a golden aura and five years later when offered a new locum you gratefully accepted. Again the dairy director and his wife were your first patients. Now the enthusiasm was not quite the same, at least not for Marit.....

**“We should be enjoying life now. Nils has got his pension and we both enjoy good health”....”If it were not for these teeth”.....”There must be something wrong with the ones you gave me”....” Immediately after you left they started to get loose. After a while the denture glue did not help either”.....”Before the end of a year I had ulcers along the edges both top and bottom”...”Now the teeth do not even fit together, my lower jaw protrudes and it is so worn down that I look like old Bø who has been toothless for more than 40 years”..... “You were more lucky with Nils’ teeth, they are almost as good as when they were new”.**

Marit’s full upper and lower dentures were placed on the desk for your judgement and shame, and Nils was ordered to show his so that you could see the difference. The only noticeable difference you could see was that Nils had worn his teeth much more occlusally while Marit’s denture showed clear evidence of “edge to edge correction” made by a shoemaker’s file.....