

TEMPORARY CROWN POST OP

We have completed the preparation for your crown and a temporary crown has been cemented. The temporary crown is made to protect your tooth and maintain a space while the permanent crown is being fabricated at the lab. It is meant to serve your needs for only a short time.

Your temporary crown has been cemented with a special temporary cement which allows the dentist to easily remove it when cementing the permanent crown. This cement requires about 30 minutes to set. Please do not chew or drink hot liquids during this time.

Please refrain from chewing gum and other sticky food and candies as they will stick to the temporary crown and may cause the crown to debond. Avoid eating hard crunchy foods which may cause it to break or chip.

If your temporary crown breaks or comes off, please call our office to schedule an appointment to have it recemented or remade. If possible save the crown and bring it with to the office to have it recemented.

Please **do not leave the temporary crown off your tooth!** Unless your tooth has had root canal therapy, it will be very sensitive without the crown. Also, if the temporary crown is left off for a period time the tooth will shift causing the permanent crown to fit improperly. If the tooth shifts too much, the permanent crown will need to be sent back to the lab to be remade, incurring extra expenses for the patient.

Your temporary crown will not fit your tooth quite as well as the permanent crown. It is normal if you experience slight sensitivity to hot, cold and sweets. If you notice your bite feels irregular or you feel a "high spot", please call the office to schedule a bite adjustment.

If you ignore high spots, the tooth can become sore. If the tooth becomes extremely sensitive or you experience worsening symptoms, the tooth may need further treatment.

Brush carefully around the temporary crown. To floss, push the floss down to your gums and pull it straight out. Do not pull it back out the same way it went in, as this tends to lift the crown off.

If you have any **problems** or **questions**, please call our office.