

Temporary Crowns Post Operative Care Sheet

Temporary crowns are utilized for about 3 – 4 weeks while the final crown is being customized for your tooth. The temporary protects the tooth and holds its position during the interim so when the final crown returns from our custom dental lab it will fit beautifully.

The temporary crown is fragile and will not be as strong as the final crown. If it is broken or becomes dislodged, please call our office to schedule an appointment to have it replaced.

You will not be able to floss the temporary teeth, but in order to keep the gum tissue healthy, it is important to brush vigorously around the temporaries. Rinsing with warm salt water (1/2 teaspoon of salt in 8oz glass of water) can also be helpful to cleanse the area and aid the healing of irritated gum tissue.

If a crown does become dislodged, run it under hot water for 3 seconds to soften the cement, then push back on. If it does not stay in place, call our office. A tooth that has had a root canal will not be sensitive if the crown comes off. A tooth with an intact nerve (no root canal) may be a little sensitive after a crown preparation has been completed. This is normal and to be expected. If the temporary crown does come off, or if the sensitivity is more than expected, do not hesitate to call our office.

Anesthesia affects the feeling of your bite. If your bite does not feel balanced and even, once the dental anesthetic has worn off, please call us for an adjustment. **A balanced bite is very important.** An irregular bite can lead to pain and sensitivity.

In order to keep the gum tissue healthy, **it is important to brush around the crown.** Daily rinsing with warm salt water (1/2 teaspoon of salt in 8oz glass of water) can also be helpful to cleanse the area and aid the healing of irritated gum tissue.

**Remember, no question is too small and
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