

Information Following Crown or Bridge Treatment

While in your temporary crown or bridge

- Following the first appointment for the crown procedure, a temporary is sometimes placed on the tooth or teeth involved. This will protect them while the custom restoration is being made.
- It is very important to keep the gums healthy while you have your temporary to prevent any inflammation or bleeding during the placement of the final restoration. Regular brushing around the temporary is necessary, however flossing around the temporary should be avoided if possible while the temporary restoration is in place.
- The use of temporary cement is for easy removal on your next appointment. If your temporary comes off between appointments, slip it back on with toothpaste or over-the-counter temporary crown cement or denture adhesive; also call for an appointment right away.
- Your new permanent crown will be shaped and shaded especially to your teeth in color and fit. The temporary crown is made to serve you temporarily, so its color and fit are not custom matched to your teeth.
- Most crowns fit below the gumline. Therefore, you may experience some discomfort for a few days due to the irritation of that area during the procedures. Sensitivity to cold or pressure is also possible, but please call if it persists for more than 3 days.

Once your new permanent restoration is placed

- After the final cementation of your fixed restoration, it may take a few days to get used to the new crown. If you feel the bite is not correctly balanced, be sure to call for an appointment for a simple adjustment.
- Proper brushing and flossing are recommended to help you retain your final restoration. Floss threaders will be necessary around all fixed bridges. The only area that a crowned tooth can decay is at the edge of the crown at the gumline and can continue to spread to the root, under the crown and even to the nerve.
- Keeping up with your routine hygiene visits will allow us to monitor your restorations and the health of your teeth and gums.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office at (407) 699-9831.

