

Family Dentistry

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INFORMATION FOLLOWING CROWN OR BRIDGE TREATMENT

*Following the first appointment for a crown or bridge procedure, a temporary crown or bridge is usually placed on the tooth or teeth involved. This will protect them while the custom restoration is being made.

*Temporary crowns are of a universal size and shade that also serve a cosmetic function for front teeth. Your final restoration will be shaped and shaded better than the temporary to match your other teeth in both color and function.

*The use of a temporary cement is for easy removal on your next appointment. If your temporary crown comes off between appointments, slip it back on and call us for an appointment. Do not leave temporary crown off. The tooth can shift and the permanent crown may not fit.

*Many crowns fit below the gumline. Therefore, you may experience some discomfort for a few days due to the irritation of that area during the procedure. Sensitivity to cold or pressure is also possible.

*After the final cementation of your fixed restoration, it may take a few days to get used to the new crown or bridge. If you feel the bite is not correctly balanced, be sure and call for an appointment for a simple adjustment.

*Proper brushing and flossing is necessary to help you retain your final restoration. The only area that a crowned tooth can decay is at the edge of the crown at the gumline.

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