

Temporary Crowns

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

The temporary crown is fragile and will not be as strong as the permanent crown. If it is broken or becomes dislodged, please call our office to schedule an appointment to have it replaced. You may carefully floss a temporary crown by pulling the floss down through the contact then straight out the side. **Do not floss up and down** as usual as this may dislodge the temporary crown.

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 my office. If the temporary crown is off for more than one or two days the tooth that it was cemented to may drift, preventing the permanent crown from fitting. 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 my 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 temporary 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.

A temporary crown is not intended to be used for more than 3-4 weeks unless it has been specifically designed ahead of time for this purpose. Your appointment to place the permanent crown will be in approximately three weeks and will take about 45 minutes to complete.

Remember no question is too small and we are just a phone call away:

301-530-2434

Additional information can be found on our website:

<http://www.bethesdasedationdentistry.com>