

SMILEORA DENTAL CARE
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INFORMATION FOLLOWING CROWN AND BRIDGE TREATMENT

- ❖ Following the first appointment for a crown or bridge procedure, a temporary 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 as 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 comes off between appointments, slip back on and call us for an appointment.
- ❖ Many crowns fit below the gum line. 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.
- ❖ 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 recommended 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 gum line.
- ❖ While you are waiting for the treatment to be completed you must be extremely careful. Please avoid any pressure or biting hard food on the tooth. The tooth can easily fracture if precautions are not taken and may need extraction.