

Postoperative Crown And Bridge Care



Preparing Teeth

Preparing your tooth/teeth for a crown or bridge generally involves two separate appointments. At the first appointment Dr. Hope applies anesthetic and removes part of the tooth/teeth to fit the crown or bridge. An impression is made to provide an exact model of the prepared tooth or teeth. A temporary crown or bridge is placed while the permanent one is made. At the second much shorter appointment the permanent crown or bridge is cemented.

What To Expect After First Visit

Because temporary restorations eventually loosen, be sure to return to our office at the appointed time. Temporary cement allows you to wear the temporary crown/bridge for several days and to have it removed for further adjustments, if needed. If you find the temporary crown/bridge too 'high', call our office because you may have to come in for adjustments.

Cleaning

Keep the area around the temporary restoration clean by brushing as usual. Try to avoid eating hard foods on the temporary, as it could come off. Also, be careful how you floss around the temporary as it could be dislodged. Although uncommon, if you experience any discomfort, please call our office.

Taking Care Of Your New Restoration

To prevent damage to the crown/bridge avoid hard foods or objects. Proper oral hygiene is necessary to prevent cavities from developing under or around the restoration or to prevent gum disease. Remember to floss, especially under your bridge.

Enjoy your new smile!

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