

Post-Operative Instructions

Following Crown or Bridge Appointment

I. Care

1. Do not eat or chew any food until the numbness from the anesthesia has completely worn off. It is OK to drink liquids during this time.
2. Brush and floss the temporary crown or bridge as you normally would. When you are flossing, pull the floss through the area between the teeth instead of snapping it up or down.
3. Avoid sticky foods or candy because they can stick to the temporary or pull it off the tooth.
4. If the temporary comes off, call our office and return as quickly as possible to have the temporary re-cemented.
5. For mild discomfort, use Tylenol, Advil/Motrin, or Aleve.
6. Please call our office (815)786-9811 with any questions/concerns that are not covered on this sheet.

II. The Following May Occur

1. The tooth or teeth that were worked on may be sensitive to temperature (hot/cold) for a few days or weeks after the numbness wears off.
2. Your jaw muscles may be stiff and it may be difficult to open wide for a few days following the procedure.
3. The teeth and gums may be sore and ache temporarily. The soreness should get better within one to two weeks following the appointment.
4. If the temporary crown or bridge feels "high" when you bite together, or if the bite feels different when you close your teeth together or chew, call our office and return for an adjustment as soon as possible.

III. Warranty

1. 1-2 Years, there is no charge for replacement of the crown or bridge.
2. 3-5 Years, there is a charge for the lab fee only for the crown or bridge.
3. After 5 years, the full amount for the new crown or bridge will be charged if a replacement is needed.
4. This warranty will be VOID if regular cleaning appointments are not kept up to date (twice a year or every 6 months).