

CLINICAL INFORMATION

FOLLOWING CROWN OR BRIDGE PREPARATION

Your teeth have just been prepared for crowns or a bridge. Generally, teeth in need for this type of restoration, are cracked, heavily filled, or have decay. Some thermal and pressure sensitivity is to be expected. However, it is not uncommon for these teeth to have compromised nerve health. Statistically, 5-8% of all teeth with crowns will have nerve problems, needing further treatment. Also, to facilitate an accurate impression, we place a small, chemically impregnated string around the gum tissue during the procedure. This may cause your gum to be sore for a few days. Some patients benefit from warm salt-water rinses for comfort.

Your teeth have been fitted with a provisional restoration that is made out of acrylic resin. These restorations are strong and well sealed but not as strong as natural teeth or final crowns. Hard and sticky foods should be avoided on the provisional restorations. If the restoration breaks or comes loose, please call our office to have this situation corrected. In emergency situations, some patients have been able to replace their own restoration with toothpaste, denture adhesive, or Den-Temp (available in most drug stores). Please continue to brush and floss but don't snap the floss out. Simply, pull the floss out to the side.

Please call us if you have any unusual symptoms or concerns regarding your restorations. The provisional restorations are a "road test" for the final restorations. We would like to resolve any problems prior to finalization.