

TEMPORARY CROWNS OR BRIDGES

A temporary plastic restoration has just been placed and is designed to protect your tooth (teeth) and allow you to function with comfort. The temporary is an important part of your treatment and should any problems develop, do not hesitate to call. Below are some tips concerning your temporary restoration?

- * Do not chew for at least 30 minutes, after which time the cement will have fully set. A longer period of waiting may be necessary depending upon the duration of the local anesthetic.
- * The color, shape and size of the temporary do not necessarily resemble the final restoration.
- * Certain foods may stick to the temporary restoration. Avoid these if at all possible.
- * Some sensitivity to hot, cold or sweets is not uncommon due to the less than ideal sealing capabilities of the temporary and the cement. This will not be the case with the final restoration. Any questions concerning the amount of sensitivity you might be having come up, do not hesitate to call.
- * Temporary restorations are not as strong or as firmly cemented as the final restoration will be. In the event of any breakage, please call the office so that we can schedule a time to repair the temporary. Please do the same if the temporary inadvertently comes off. If it is not convenient for you, or if for some reason you are unable to contact us, there is a short term solution. Gently rinse your mouth and the temporary crown with lukewarm water, place vaseline in the crown and gently position it back onto the tooth. This is the preferred short term solution, but using some type of powdered denture adhesive will also work.
- * Maintenance of good oral hygiene during this phase of treatment is very important.
- * Please call 677-0383 if there are any questions. Dr. Luber is made aware of any calls and he will return your call promptly.