



## **PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS AFTER CROWN AND/OR BRIDGE TREATMENT**

After your first appointment a temporary crown is usually placed on the tooth or teeth involved. The temporary crown protects the tooth while the custom crown is being produced in the laboratory. Temporary cement is used during this time so that the temporary crown can be easily removed at your next appointment.

Should your temporary crown come off before your next scheduled appointment, place the temporary crown back on the tooth and call our office. Special temporary cement must be used to hold your crown in place. Permanent and/or commercial cement, such as superglue, may destroy your temporary crown and cause damage to your tooth. This will result in additional visits and laboratory fees.

You may experience some discomfort in the area around your new crown. You may notice this as sensitivity to cold or pressure, or sensitivity when flossing. It is important that you keep the area around your temporary crown clean.

Your temporary crown is made of a different material than the lab processed custom crown. It is only designed to serve you temporarily, so its color and fit are not the same as your lab processed custom crown.

At your delivery appointment we will remove your temporary crown and assess the one customized for you by our laboratory. It is very important that your crown fit properly. It may take several days to adjust to the feel of the new crown. However, if you feel that your bite is not correctly balanced, please call our office for an appointment to have the crown adjusted.

**PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE (574) 259-8571 WITH ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS**