

FOREST ACRES DENTISTRY

Post-Operative Instructions following Crown Preparation

Summary of Procedure

Today you had a tooth “prepared” for a crown. A crown is useful to restore a tooth that is damaged or weakened from decay, extensive wear, following a root canal, to anchor a bridge, or to change the shape and/or color of the tooth. The procedure involves re-shaping the tooth in all directions to allow enough room to put a cap or crown over the tooth. A temporary crown was made and secured with temporary cement while your permanent crown can be fabricated by a laboratory technician.

What to Expect

You will experience soreness in the area. You may experience mild swelling or tenderness when chewing. Usually the peak of soreness and swelling is 48 hours after the procedure.

While wearing your temporary crown (usually for 3-4 weeks), you may experience slight sensitivity. This crown is not as “tight” of a fit or seal as your permanent crown will be.

What You Should Do

Your temporary crown is held in with a light cement to allow us to remove it when you are ready to receive your permanent crown. It is helpful to favor the side without a temporary if possible while chewing. Also, very sticky or hard foods (i.e. candy, taffy, nuts, gum) are not advised while you have your temporary crown.

You may brush your temporary crown as normal. While flossing, do not “pop” the floss out from the tooth, but rather slide the floss out from in between the teeth to avoid dislodging the temporary crown.

For any pain or discomfort, use a maximum of 600 mg of Ibuprofen (taken at a maximum of 5 times a day, every 4-5 hours), unless you are directed otherwise or are prohibited from taking ibuprofen for other health reasons.

Questions or Concerns

Please feel free to call our office with questions or problems anytime at 803-782-0965

If you experience any of the following, please call our office:

- Temporary crown dislodged
- Extreme and/or lingering sensitivity to hot and/or cold
- Excessive sensitivity to chewing/biting