

## **Temporary crowns and bridges**

**Temporary crowns and bridges are just that – temporary.** They are not strong and may leak saliva or food into the tooth.

The size, shape, and color of the temporary do not resemble your final restoration.

Sensitivity to hot, cold, pressure or sweets is not uncommon. However, if your tooth hurts consistently, it is possible that your bite needs adjusting. If you are concerned that your bite is causing you pain, please call to make an appointment for a quick and simple adjustment.

Please note that temporaries require extra care. Do not floss around your temporary crowns; however continue to floss all of your other teeth. You should minimize chewing on the affected side, as well as avoiding particularly hard, chewy, or sticky foods. Caramel is a definite no-no!

Temporaries may break or even come off completely. If this happens, place your temporary back on your tooth using some Fixodent (denture adhesive) and call us for an appointment. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE TEMPORARY OUT OF YOUR MOUTH** as your teeth will move and your final restoration will not fit. If you lose the temporary or can not fit it back onto your tooth, please call for an appointment.

Over-the-counter analgesics, ***as allowed by your physician***, will help alleviate residual discomfort. **800 mg ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin) and 1000 mg acetaminophen (Tylenol) should be taken every six hours for 48 hours and then as needed for pain.** Do not take Tylenol, if you are taking prescription painkillers, as they often contain acetaminophen.

**If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at 952-447-4463. Your comfort and satisfaction are very important to us.**