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Aftercare Following Crown Preparation

What to Expect

- 1) It is common for the gums around the tooth that was prepared to be a little sensitive after your anesthetic wears off. Ensure that you gently brush the area, keeping in mind that if you scrub the gums too heavily the tissue may bleed.
- 2) Your tooth may feel different than it did before, because it may have a different shape. This tooth has a temporary crown made of an acrylic plastic, which is cemented on with temporary cement so it can be easily removed at your next appointment. The ceramic crown that we will replace your temporary crown with will feel much smoother and will be a different color that will better match your teeth.
- 3) Occasionally, a temporary crown can come off if you eat sticky or crunchy foods. If this happens, it is very important to call our office so that we can schedule you a time to return to our office for easy replacement of your temporary crown. Without your temporary crown, the tooth may be sensitive, the gums may grow up over the tooth or the tooth may shift causing your ceramic crown to not fit as well.

What to Do

- 1) Whenever possible, try to chew on the opposite side from the tooth we have just treated, until you have a porcelain crown placed.
- 2) Please avoid chewing gum, caramels or other sticky soft foods, which could dislodge the temporary crown.
- 3) If your crown comes off, please call our office for recementation as soon as possible.
- 4) Brush normally around your temporary crown. It is important that your gums stay healthy and plaque-free around your crown.
- 5) During flossing, pull the floss through the side of your tooth, rather than snapping it up through the top of the tooth. This will also help to prevent loosening of your temporary crown.

Please Call Us If...

- 1) You are experiencing symptoms more intense or of longer duration than those described above.
- 2) The temporary crown is dislodged, feels loose, or feels 'high' when biting.
- 3) You have any questions at all.