

Instructions Following Crown Cementation

We have just cemented a crown for you and would like you to keep a few things in mind for the future. The involved tooth has been reduced in size in order to make room for the crown. The nerve inside the tooth may respond to this procedure by becoming sensitive to hot and cold. This sensitivity usually subsides by itself, but it may take several days or weeks to do so. If you are still experiencing heightened sensitivity four weeks following the procedure, please call.

We have adjusted the crown so that your bite should be correct. Teeth, however, can detect very small changes in the bite. If your bite feels uncomfortable, please call us as soon as possible so that the crown can be adjusted and the tooth will not become sore.

The material used to cement the crown to your tooth hardens over several hours. Please do not chew on the crown for the first 24 hours after it is cemented. This cement holds crowns on very tightly, but the crown can come loose if you chew very sticky foods. If the crown becomes loose or comes off, please call immediately and make an appointment to evaluate appropriate remedies. If the crown has come off, be sure to bring it with you.

We also recommend that you not chew very hard things such as ice and hard candy. The excessive force put on porcelain crowns, and natural teeth, when chewing on these types of things can cause cracks, splitting or other injury.

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Decay can still develop around the edges where the crown meets the tooth. Therefore, you must maintain a high level of oral hygiene by brushing and flossing around the crowned tooth, starting today. Quality daily oral hygiene will help you protect the investment you have made in your tooth.

Please let us know if you have any questions concerning your new crown or any other aspect of your treatment with us.