

Temporary Crowns and Fixed Prosthesis (Bridges)

You have just received a plastic or metal temporary restoration that will serve you for a short period of time until the final restoration(s) are made. The following comments about these temporary restorations will be helpful to you.

Chewing:

- a. The temporary cement holding the interim restoration in place requires about one-half hour to set. Please do not chew during that period of time, as you may dislodge the temporary restoration.
- b. Temporary restorations, and the cement we use to cement them, are not strong. They may break or come off. Do not chew on hard or sticky foods in the area of the temporary restoration(s). If the restorations come off, call us and we will recement them. If you are someplace where you cannot contact us, go to a pharmacy and purchase some Fixodent (denture adhesive). Replace the temporary with Fixodent holding it in place until you can see us.

Please do not leave the temporary restoration out of your mouth, because the teeth will move, and the final restorations will not fit.

c. **DO NOT USE superglue to cement the restoration.**

- d. Certain foods will stick to the temporary restoration. This will not happen with the final restoration to be cemented soon.

Color: The color of the temporary does not resemble the color of the final restoration.

Shape, Size: The shape and size of the temporary does not resemble the final restoration.

Tooth Sensitivity: Temporary restorations may leak, allowing saliva or food to contact the tooth. Sensitivity to cold, hot, or sweet is not uncommon. This sensitivity will not be present with your final restorations. Please call us if you have any questions.

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