

Children/Stainless Steel Crowns/Spacer Maintainer

Did we just work on your child? Below, you can learn about what to expect once you get home from our office. Read over this page, follow the instructions, and everything should be great. If you have any questions, be sure to contact us right away.

- Local Anesthesia
 - Many children dislike the sensation of being numb, please remind the child that the feeling is only temporary and will wear off.
 - Most children will feel numb approximately two hours following the appointment.
 - Please monitor your child, so he/she does not chew, scratch, suck or play with the numb area. These actions may cause minor irritation to a severe swelling and abrasion of the tissue leading to a white patch that takes approximately two weeks to heal.
 - Therefore, please closely watch your child and have them on liquid diet until the anesthesia wears off.
 - If you notice swelling, call the office for advisement.
- Fillings
 - Please refer to the "Fillings" post op care page.
- Stainless Steel crown or spacer
 - If a stainless steel crown or a space maintainer is inserted, please help your child avoid sticky items such as gum, tootsie rolls, jolly rancher, taffy, carmel or any chewy sticky candies that could easily pull off or distort the crown/space maintainer.
 - The gums may be tender where the stainless steel crown or spacer was placed. If needed, you may give your child Children's Motrin or Tylenol as directed for the weight of the child but most likely will not be needed.
 - If your appliance comes loose, please save the appliance and make an appointment as soon as possible. This is not an emergency as the tooth under the crown is repaired and should not cause any discomfort to the child.