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Crowns and Bridges

Crowns and bridges usually take two or three appointments to complete. In the first visit, the teeth are prepared and molds of the mouth are taken. Temporary crowns or bridges are placed to protect the teeth while the custom restoration is being made. Please refrain from eating and drinking hot beverages until the numbness from the anesthetic is completely worn off.

- You may feel slight temperature and pressure sensitivity when your temporary restoration is first placed. This should subside after placement of the permanent crown.
- If you have a temporary in place be careful not to displace it. If a temporary comes off, it should be replaced within 24 hours. Failure to replace a temporary can damage the tooth or allow other teeth to shift.
- To keep your temporaries in place, avoid eating sticky foods (like gum), hard foods, and if possible, chew on the opposite side of your mouth.
- Do not use anything other than an over the counter denture adhesive cream to replace a temporary until you can return to the office.
- Your bite may feel different for 2-3 days. If you symptoms do not subside, please call the office.
- Maintain regular preventative care including brushing and flossing. It is very important to keep the new restoration healthy.
- It is normal to experience some temperature and pressure sensitivity after each appointment. The sensitivity should subside a few weeks after the placement of the final restoration.
- Call the office if you are in pain or if you have any questions.