



After Crown & Bridge Appointments

Crowns and bridges usually take two appointments to complete. In the first visit, the tooth or teeth are prepared and either a digital impression record or a traditional impression with a carrying tray is used to capture the shape of your teeth. Dr. Smith will then place a temporary crown or bridge on the prepared tooth or teeth to protect them while a custom restoration is made by a lab.

Your custom crown will usually be ready 30 days following your first visit. Dr. Smith will administer a local anesthetic before he starts preparing your tooth or teeth for the crown. Your tongue, lips and roof of your mouth may be numb when you leave our office. Please refrain from eating and drinking hot beverages until the numbness has completely worn off. Occasionally a temporary crown may come off. Call us if this happens and bring the temporary crown (whole or broken) with you so we can re-cement it. It is very important for the temporary crown to stay in place, as it prevents other teeth from moving and compromising the fit of your final restoration. In fact, if the temporary is off too long, the final crown may not fit at all and a new impression would be required with possibly extra cost.

To keep your temporary crown in place, chew on the opposite

side of your mouth during the entire time the temporary is in place. It is important to brush normally, but floss carefully and don't pull up on the floss which may dislodge the temporary, but pull the floss out from the side of the temporary crown.

It is normal to experience some temperature and pressure sensitivity after each appointment. The sensitivity should subside a few days or even a few weeks after the placement of the final restoration. Mild over-the-counter pain medications may also be used as directed by our office.

If your bite feels uneven, if you have persistent pain, or if you have any other questions or concerns, please call our office at **(203) 758-2116**. We are here for you!