

## YOUR NEW CROWN(S) AND/OR BRIDGE

**Congratulations on taking this important step toward better dental health!**

- **Avoid the crowned tooth for the rest of the day.** Eat softer foods and try to keep from chewing on the side where the new restorations are. It takes a good 12 hours for the cement to cure, and if the seal is broken it may result in a loose or leaky crown.
- **Sensitivity.** Crowned teeth may be sensitive for a few weeks or a few months. The tooth is just getting used to the new materials surrounding it.
- **Bite too high?** If after you've left the office, it feels as if the crown is higher than your other teeth, please call us immediately for an adjustment. Your tooth will become sore and more sensitive if this condition is not corrected.
- **Oral hygiene.** Crowned teeth and bridges require thorough oral hygiene. Food debris and plaque collect around your bridge or crowned teeth just like your other teeth, *actually more!* The area where the crown meets the gum is the important area to keep clean. Flossing under your bridge as demonstrated to you is a *must* for healthy gums.
- **Loose crowns.** Crowns and bridges, once cemented in place, should not ever "come loose"...although there is always that possibility. If your crown or bridge should come loose, bring the crown to the office immediately for re-cementation.
- **Warranty.** We want this treatment to give you many years of trouble-free service, and we thoroughly believe in standing behind our treatment. Your crowns and bridges are guaranteed against breaking and dislodging (from tooth fracture or cement failure) under normal use (excluding trauma) for three years. The need for root canal therapy following crown and bridge treatment is possible and is not covered by this warranty. Note: Root canal therapy does not generally require crowns to be removed.

AS ALWAYS, FEEL FREE TO CALL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

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