

Instructions following crown or bridgework

- Depending on the anesthetic used, patients will typically be numb for a few hours following crown or bridgework.
- It is common for the jaw and gums to be sore following the procedure. Please contact us if this soreness is not manageable.
- Patients may wear a temporary crown or have a same-day crown placed. A temporary is meant to protect the underlying tooth, maintain the space for the permanent crown and prevent the gum tissue from folding over the underlying tooth. If a temporary breaks or comes off, please contact us right away.
- Avoid sticky foods that may dislodge the temporary crown.
- Keep the area clean by brushing, flossing, and using mouthwash daily.
- When flossing, snap the floss through the contacts of the temporary and slide the floss out. Do not floss up through the contact again as this may dislodge the temporary.
- When having a same-day crown placed, some post-op sensitivity is to be expected, especially if the decay was deep. Some symptoms may last a few days to a few weeks. If sensitivity persists, doesn't decrease, or if your sensitivity doesn't feel manageable, please contact us.

