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### **Temporary Crown/Bridge**

After your tooth/teeth have been prepared a "temporary" crown/bridge is made to protect this area and keep it covered for about 2 to 3 weeks while the crown/bridge is being fabricated by the lab.

This temporary can feel a little rough and sensitive to hot and cold because we don't want the temporary touching near the gums. This temporary is cemented with soft paste so that it can be easily removed afterward.

#### **Taking care after the procedure:**

- Be careful not to bite your lip, cheek or tongue while numb.
- Avoid hot drinks so you don't burn yourself and eat only soft foods while numb.
- If the tooth becomes sensitive try using a desensitizing toothpaste.
- Be careful about not chewing toffees, gum, grainy rolls and tough steak in this area.
- Be sure to brush carefully around the temporary.
- Do not floss around this crown/bridge area.

\*\*if a temporary crown/bridge comes off try a small tube of temporary cement and place a small amount in the crown and place it back on your tooth. Also try Dent Temp or Tempenol as a temporary adhesive.

***Do not use ordinary household glue.***

\*\*\* If you cannot replace the temporary crown yourself, put it in a safe place and call us. We will be happy to recement it for you.