



Anthem Dental & Implants

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Crowns and Bridge Information

You have wisely chosen to preserve your teeth by means of a crown or bridge. Thanks to modern technology we have been able to construct a temporary crown or bridge during your appointment today with us today. Because this was constructed chairside and is only meant to be temporary (last at most 1 month), the crown or bridge will not match the color, smoothness or bite of your original teeth. Your final crown or bridge will resemble your natural teeth in color, shape, bite and smoothness to the feel of your tongue and lips.

The temporary crown or bridge is cemented in place with an adhesive that will enable it to be removed with minimum effort. For this reason, it might come loose. If this happens, it is important that you immediately return to our office for re-cementing. In the meantime, replace it if possible with Vaseline as a temporary-cementing agent. The final crown or bridge will be cemented to the prepared teeth with a special dental adhesive that is designed to attach the crown or bridge firmly and permanently.

We must stress that the function of the temporary crown or bridge is not only to protect the prepared teeth, but also keep them in the position they were in when the impression for the permanent crown or bridge was taken.

If you fail to keep the temporary in your mouth, the teeth can shift position and a new impression will have to be taken at your expense. It is also critical that you return at your appointed date to have the permanent crown or bridge delivered. Delay on your part can result in your teeth shifting and the whole process and laboratory work will have to be done over again at your expense.

The gums may be sore and tender for a few days, however, continue with proper homecare of brushing and flossing (pull the floss out the side), and warm salt-water rinses. Work with us during this period brief period of inconvenience and the final results will be rewarding and satisfying.