



QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TEMPORARY CROWNS/FILLINGS

A temporary is a filling or crown that is placed until the permanent filling or crown is made and ready to be placed. It is normal for the gums around your tooth to be a little sore when the anesthesia wears off. This will disappear in a few days. Do your best to chew on the opposite side until your next appointment. Chewing sticky foods may dislodge the temporary.

It Feels Rough

It is normal for the temporary to feel rough as it is made of plastic. If the roughness is making your tongue sensitive, please call us.

It Came Off

This is probably the most common problem. Please avoid sticky foods. When flossing a temporary crown, please pull the floss through. It is important for the temporary to be there, so call us and we can re cement it for you (or you can push it back in until you can get in.)

It Feels High

Come in so we can adjust it. You can "bruise" a tooth if it's too high. It's Not How I Want the Permanent Ones to Look Don't worry. The permanent restorations will look much better.

It is Sensitive

The temporary will not fit as well as the permanent crown/filling. There may be some sensitivity to temperatures, perhaps to chewing. If it is too uncomfortable, please call us.

The temporary is very important as it protects the tooth and prevents food from gathering in the preparation. It also prevents the prepared tooth/teeth from shifting, which may cause difficulties in seating the permanent restorations(s). Use your toothbrush to clean the area as normal. We will let you know if you will be able to floss around the temporary(ies).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us.

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