

Crowns

What is a Crown

Crowns provide a natural-looking and durable restoration, providing full coverage to protect natural teeth.

Why is a Crown Needed

Large cavities, broken tooth structure, fractures, previous endodontic treatment or tooth discoloration are some cases when a crown is necessary.

Home care

Do not eat for one hour, or until your numbness is gone, and do not bite on numb lips, tongue or cheek. **It is normal to experience sensitivity to heat, cold and biting, as well as soreness in the jaw.** These are common symptoms, and any soreness or sensitivity should improve over time.

Crowns are usually done in two visits. On the first appointment the tooth is prepared, impressions taken, and temporary crown placed. The temporary crown is made of a softer material, and could break if too much pressure is placed on it. The temporary crown also may come off; if it does, save the crown and call our office. The temporary crown is placed to protect the tooth and prevent shifting while the custom crown is being made in our lab.

To protect against losing the temporary crown during this time, avoid chewing on the tooth, avoid sticky and hard foods, and do not floss the temporary crown. It is ok to brush carefully around the temporary.

After the permanent crown is cemented, you may feel pressure, soreness, and sensitivity at first. If the bite feels uneven or symptoms worsen after the first few days, please call our office to have the bite adjusted.

BEFORE

AFTER

