



Your Final Restoration

Post Operative Instructions

Today really turned out to be a terrific day! We hope that you are as pleased as we are with the final result of your new restoration. Let me just take a minute to go over what occurred during today's visit.

First, after removing the "temporaries" we made sure that there was no remaining excess cement that would interfere with final cementation of your new crown (crowns). The new crown(s) was then tried in to check for proper fit, contour, and desired appearance. Any required occlusal (bite) adjustments were then made. The crown was then carefully removed, cleaned and dried in preparation for final cementation.

Next, the prepared tooth received the final "go ahead" before cementation. Any remaining questionable areas of stain or soft dentin were removed (these areas fill with cement during cementation). The tooth was then dried, and isolated from saliva. We may also coat it with an almost microscopic layer of a dentin desensitizer in order to protect it as much as possible from future hot and cold sensations.

Finally, the cement was mixed carefully to minimize heat reaction and the crown was cemented to place (By the way, the word cap and crown can be used interchangeably). After removing the excess hardened cement, the bite was re-examined and any necessary adjustments were made.

It is not uncommon for a tooth to be sensitive to temperature changes for a period of time following cementation. This type of sensation usually lasts no more than a few weeks. If your bite should feel uncomfortable (sometimes it is difficult to check the bite when you are numb), please let us know so that we can adjust it as soon as possible.

Remember that this type of dentistry needs to be kept meticulously clean. Success is literally in your hands. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions. Needless to say, we enjoyed working with you.

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