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### **Temporary Crowns**

Your appointment and treatment in our office today requires you to wear a temporary crown and/or bridge. Please remember to observe the following precautions while wearing your temporary.

Your temporary is made of acrylic and cemented with a lighter strength cement so that it can easily be removed when your permanent crown or bridge is completed. Its purpose is to cover, protect and hold your tooth in exact position until your permanent crown and/or bridge can be placed.

Even though the temporaries are custom made in our office and many times can be safely worn for several months, they are still temporary. You need to be careful not to eat sticky foods that might pull them loose. You should be extra careful about brushing and flossing. Any dramatic change in your bite or in the condition of your gum tissue could cause your permanent crown to fit improperly. If, for any reason your temporary should come off, be sure to call the office immediately. The prepared tooth can drift in a very short time causing the permanent crown not to fit. If your temporary comes off after hours or you are out of town, there is an over-the-counter temporary cement called Dentemp that can be bought in any pharmacy. This can be mixed together to hold your temporary in place until your next appointment.

Should you have any questions, be sure to call the office. I look forward to seeing you on your next visit.