

*"Creating healthy, beautiful smiles....for a lifetime."*

Congratulations. You have just had one or more teeth prepared for Porcelain Restorations. Your new crowns will be constructed with a material designed to restore teeth as close as possible to their natural state. These crowns are a marriage of plastics and porcelains that mimic your own tooth enamel (the hard white outer layer of the tooth) in both color and texture. More importantly, they mimic tooth enamel in its wear-ability and strength.

Your new tooth will be ready to bond into place at your next appointment. Your new crown restoration is being custom made on a stone replica of your mouth made from the impression that we took of your prepared teeth. We will match the shape, size and color of your surrounding teeth using our knowledge of color, your dentition and the photographs we may have taken.

There are a few important things you need to know about the next few days before we bond your final restoration:

**Your tooth or teeth have just been treated.**

After any treatment, teeth that may never have had any discomfort may begin to bother you. Removing old restorations and removing decay can cause the tooth's nerve to act up. The lack of pain prior to treatment is not an indication of no decay...it is an indication that the tooth has not abscessed yet.

Whenever your tooth is drilled into there is some bruising that may take place in the live part of the tooth called the **Dental Pulp**. This Pulp contains **nerve fibers** that are irritated by the bruising. Bruising can make the tooth's nerve fibers touchier to cold sensations. You may expect that for the first seven to fourteen days you will want to be careful with cold fluids and food on the prepared teeth. Please call us if it you are having any problems with handling the cold sensitivity after this period.

**There are a Temporary Restorations on your prepared teeth.**

To keep your tooth comfortable till you receive your restoration we placed a temporary restoration in or on the prepared teeth. Please refer to the attached sheet dealing with temporary restorations.

**What will happen at the next appointment?**

When you return for your next appointment your new crowns restoration will be waiting for you. We may have to numb your tooth and place a rubber dam to isolate the area. We use a very technique sensitive procedure to bond the restoration into your tooth. When we are done your tooth will be stronger and ready to use for years of chewing.

- Call Dr. Sullivant at (870)425-4242 with any additional questions.