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RESTORATIONS

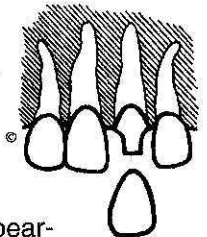
I have recommended that one or more of your teeth needs a full or partial crown (cap), onlay or inlay. These restorations generally are used to repair teeth structurally compromised by decay or previous restorations, for cosmetic reasons, to change the way your teeth come together (occlusion) or to protect a tooth which has had a root canal. I have explained to you the specific reason of a cast restoration in your case.

I would like you to know what is involved in providing you with a cast restoration so you will have no surprises during the course of treatment.

Your tooth will need to be prepared to receive the restoration. This will require some of the tooth being removed with a high speed dental bur and water spray. A local anesthetic injection will prevent you from feeling any discomfort during the process. You should know that there is a chance your tooth may be sore or uncomfortable for a while after the preparation but this will pass after a short period of time. On occasion, the pulp (nerve and blood supply inside the tooth) may be irritated by the preparation process or by prior trauma or decay and may begin to cause you pain. If this persists, your tooth may need a root canal which may be an additional charge.

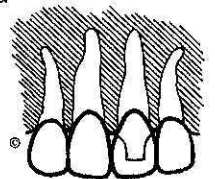
An impression will be taken of your teeth and mouth using a soft rubbery like material from which plaster casts will be made. These will be used by me or a laboratory to cast a restoration specifically made to fit your tooth. It usually takes one to two weeks for the restoration to be created and readied for placement on your tooth.

While you are waiting for your new crown to be made by the laboratory, I will have placed temporary crowns or restorations to protect the tooth and permit near normal chewing function. The temporary crown or restoration is designed to only last a short while. Wearing the temporary for longer than recommended may result in the loss of its protective integrity. Thus, it is important for you to return when scheduled to avoid decay, gum irritation and bite problems.



When the permanent cast restoration is placed, I will check with you to make sure the color and appearance are to your liking. After checking it for proper fit and harmony with your bite, it will be cemented on your tooth. I may have to make additional adjustments to your bite (occlusion) before you are completely comfortable. You may experience for a short while a sensation that the crown or restoration is "too tight" or "different" until you become accustomed to it.

Even though your crown or restoration is made of materials that cannot decay, you still must care for it as if it were a natural tooth by brushing and flossing regularly. This will minimize the chances of decay forming where the restoration meets the tooth or of gum disease around the tooth.



I invite your questions concerning the risks discussed and contained in this document. By signing below you acknowledge that you have read this document, understand the information presented and have had all your questions answered satisfactorily.

Additional comments: _____

Signatures:

Date:

Patient _____

Doctor _____

Witness _____