

EMPRESS PORCELAIN RESTORATION

Today we prepared your tooth for an all-porcelain restoration. The material we use is called **Empress** and is considered to be the most advanced all-porcelain material available. The advantages of using **Empress** are many, most importantly we can save healthy tooth structure and actually strengthen the tooth rather than weaken it as we see with traditional silver fillings. It is fabricated by a laboratory technician that is specially trained and dedicated to providing only the finest restorations available.

The **Empress** material can be used where a crown or cap was the only option. The ability to “bond” to the tooth makes this restoration outstanding and since no metal is used, it offers the very best in natural appearance. Another major advantage is that Empress is very similar to natural tooth enamel and thus won’t prematurely wear away enamel on the opposing tooth, as other porcelains can.

Today, we placed a flexible resin temporary in your tooth and it will remain in place until the laboratory fabricates your permanent restoration. The color and shape is not how your permanent restoration will look, but provides an important function in protecting your tooth until the permanent can be placed.

You should have no problems with your temporary, but it is common to experience the following until your permanent is placed:

- **Sensitivity to chewing** (try to chew as much as possible on the other side)
- **Cold sensitivity** (The temporary does not fit quite as good as the permanent)
- **Slight roughness to your tongue** (the permanent will feel just like your other teeth)
- **A “squishy” sensation when biting down** (You can eat anything you want with the permanent restoration)

These symptoms are normal and should subside when the permanent restoration is placed. If the temporary restoration should dislodge or become loose, feel rough or high, or if the tooth is very sensitive to hot or cold, be sure to call our office as soon as possible. Brush normally, but do not floss that tooth because you could dislodge the temporary.

As always, our goal is to provide the very highest quality dental care available and at the same time make you feel as special to us as possible. We realize you have chosen us to take care of you and your trust is never taken lightly. If there is anything we can do to make your dental treatment more comfortable or enjoyable, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you again soon!

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