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YOUR NEW CROWN

Your new restoration has just been cemented in and you're ready to put it to use. As we've already explained, you must wait one hour after your appointment before eating or chewing to allow the cement to fully harden. It's normal for the tooth and gum to be a little sensitive for several days so don't worry if you are aware of them at first.

How long before I can chew?

(Please wait one hour before eating or chewing to allow the cement to cure fully. If you put chewing forces on the tooth before that time you could disturb the cement leading to dislodgment or breakdown in the future.)

The crown feels high.

(Come in so we can adjust it. You can bruise a tooth if it is high.)

Do I have to do anything special to clean the area?

(It is important to keep **all** your teeth clean and healthy. We regularly show you how to floss and brush all your teeth at your continuing care cleaning appointments. Teeth that have crowns and onlays are no different. Don't hesitate to ask us any questions regarding your home care. Protect your investment in your dental health.)

The tooth is sensitive.

(Occasionally, a tooth becomes sensitive after cementing a new restoration. This may resolve on its own or there may be a further underlying problem requiring further treatment. If symptoms persist more than several weeks or if it is too uncomfortable, please call.)

How long will my crown or onlay last?

(It is impossible to say how long any restoration will last. Longevity depends on many factors including home care level, maintaining the recommended continuing care cleaning appointments in our office, the foods you eat, your stress level, your chewing and biting patterns and numerous others.... If necessary, I'll repair or replace (at no charge) the work for three years on the following conditions: you follow the recommended home care program, maintain the recommended continuing care visits in our office, and allow us to take the necessary x-rays.)

Most of the crowns and onlays I have completed have lasted beyond five years and are still going strong. They are much stronger and durable than silver fillings that tend to weaken teeth. If you have any questions concerning your new restoration, please call us.