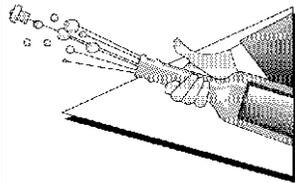


Your New Bridge

Post Operative Instructions

Congratulations !



Well, it's almost over. That's right....you're on your way out of the office with your new cemented bridge. We really hope you're happy with both the esthetics and the comfort of your new bridge. A lot of time and effort, on everyone's part, went into the fabrication of your new prosthesis.

We'd like to take one more minute of your time to explain the events of the day and what you can expect in the future:

- Your bridge has been checked for accuracy and fit.
- We adjusted the bite prior to cementation and have evaluated, with you, your esthetic needs. However, sometimes fine tuning is necessary. If you feel there is any aspect of your bridge that needs adjustment (i.e. the bite, esthetics, etc.) please let us know.
- In order to be able to accomplish the above goals, we have cemented your new bridge with a transitional cement. One that will allow us to remove the bridge, if necessary, and make any needed adjustments. You can, however, treat your new bridge as if it is permanently cemented. Sometimes, due to the accuracy of the fit of your new bridge, it is not possible to remove a transitionally cemented bridge. Don't be alarmed. The marginal integrity of your new bridge should prevent any problems from arising. If you feel any movement, however, it is important that you notify us immediately so that we can remedy the situation. The chances of it coming loose are minimal. Don't be afraid to give it a good test ride.
- If your new bridge is an anchor for a removable appliance, please be sure to follow our instructions as to the removal and replacement of the removable section. (Be sure to hold the cemented bridge with your fingers when removing the removable section in order to avoid loosening of the cemented bridge.)
- If your new bridge should, by chance, come loose there are a few things we would like you to do.

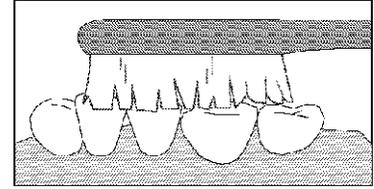
Most important :

1. You Must Make Sure Your New Bridge Is Never Out Of Your Mouth For Any Time. If you leave your bridge out, there may be some tooth movement which will necessitate remaking your bridge.
2. Call our office as soon as you realize there is a loosening of your bridge. We will be happy to schedule some time for recementation.
3. If you are away, try to call any dentist and ask them to recement your bridge with any temporary cement. (i.e. Opotow Temporary Cement™, Zone™ Temporary Cement, or TempBond™)

Care of Your New Bridge

Now that you've received your new bridge, it is very important that you follow the hygiene instructions given to you by our hygienist. Just in case you've forgotten or were confused at that time, here is a list for your review. If you have any additional questions, please give us a call.

- Treat your new bridge as you would treat your own teeth. It should be brushed and flossed as usual.
- If you have a tooth that was missing and it has been replaced by a tooth on your bridge, it will be necessary to *thread the floss between the teeth* using Floss Threaders™. If you need a demonstration on Floss Threading, please let us know.
- If we prescribed either a Rotadent^R and/or an Interplak^R be sure to use it on the new bridge as well as on your natural teeth.



We hope you enjoy your new bridge and that it continues to serve you well for many years to come. If you have any problems, or questions, please feel free to give us a call at any time.

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