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## **STAINLESS STEEL CROWN POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

Your child has had one or more teeth restored with stainless steel crowns. The cement which holds the crown on the tooth requires approximately twelve hours achieving its final set. Therefore, only soft foods should be chewed with the newly restored teeth until tomorrow. Also, your child has been numbed for this treatment. Please watch your child carefully to prevent any lip or tongue biting while your child is numb.

A regular diet may be resumed tomorrow. Stainless steel crowns may be dislodged or pulled off if extremely hard or sticky foods are chewed with them. Hard or sticky candy and all types of gum should be avoided.

It is not unusual for the gum tissue around the newly restored tooth to be slightly irritated and inflamed for several days. This can be eased by using saltwater rinses while the irritation persists. The area should be brushed gently today, gradually increasing to normal toothbrush pressure in a few days.

If the crown is on a primary tooth, it will come out when the permanent tooth is ready to erupt. Should a crown become loose or dislodged it should be saved and you should contact the office to have it recemented as soon as possible.