

STAINLESS STEEL CROWNS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sometimes cavities in children's teeth may become so large that simple fillings cannot restore the tooth. To restore the proper shape to the tooth a stainless steel crown is used. This crown is a pre-made cap, which has been trimmed and fit to your child's tooth. These crowns cover the entire portion of the tooth at the gum lines. Stainless steel is a long-lasting material in the mouth and it will serve quite well for the life of the baby (deciduous) teeth. This will keep the tooth and root intact until normal tooth loss occurs.

Stainless Steel Crowns are used in Several Circumstances:

1. Broken teeth which cannot be repaired by normal fillings.
2. Badly decayed teeth where little tooth structure remains.
3. To prevent breakage of a tooth, which has had a pulpotomy, (partial removal of the nerve).

We usually can place the stainless steel crown in one appointment. We will shape your child's tooth to the necessary form and then trim a stainless steel crown to fit tightly on the tooth. This crown will then be cemented into place.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOME CARE

1. There are no restrictions on your daily activities.
2. Encourage brushing right away. A clean mouth heals faster.
3. The diet should avoid between meal sweets to help prevent cavities.
4. Hard, sticky foods should be avoided.

NOTE:

1. Your child's teeth and gums around the crown may be tender for several days following the appointment.
2. Your child has had a local anesthetic, watch him/her closely for several hours to prevent him/her from chewing his/her cheek, tongue or lip, which are very numb.

NOTIFY US IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCURS:

1. Gum around the crown becomes swollen or tender.
2. The tooth, which has the crown, becomes painful or loose.