

**STAINLESS STEEL CROWNS
FOR ADULT TEETH**

Purpose:

A stainless steel crown will protect the tooth from cavities and chewing stresses, until a custom crown can be constructed and is made to be worn temporarily. After selecting a size that is close to the tooth to be crowned, the thin prefabricated crown is crimped to achieve the closest fit possible at the edges. The crown is then filled with cement and seated.

Eating:

After one hour, you can chew foods usually eaten. You may notice that food may pack differently around this type of crown.

Cautions:

Brush thoroughly. Frequent check-ups are necessary to detect problems early, or they could cause loss of the tooth. The seal at the edges will fail sooner than a custom crown. It will also wear a hole quicker than a custom crown.

Life Span:

The expected life span of a stainless steel crown is three to five years, depending on the biting forces and brushing habits.

