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You have just had a crown cemented onto your implant. Our crowns are made only of *gold, gold (high noble)* and porcelain, or only porcelain, the finest and most up-to-date crown materials. No hazardous materials like lead or nickel are used by our dental laboratories. Crowns on implants should give you many years of service if you will observe the following suggestions:

Preventive Procedures: To provide optimum longevity for your crown & implant and prevent gum disease, please use the following preventative procedures:

-Brush at least TWICE daily. We recommend the least abrasive (most gentle) toothpastes currently available. They also help to "brighten" your natural teeth.

-Use only soft or extra soft bristle toothbrushes, like Oral-B, or the Braun 3-D Excel toothbrush.

-Use FLOSS daily.

-If recommended, swish vigorously with 0.2% neutral sodium fluoride daily before bedtime.

Follow-up Visits: Visit us at regular 3, 4, or 6 month examination periods. Often problems that are developing around the crowns can be detected at an early stage and repaired easily.

Sensitivity: New crowns covering implants usually do not exhibit sensitivity to biting pressure. If this does occur, it doesn't mean there is a problem. Please call our office if the sensitivity continues over a few weeks.

Eating/Chewing: Do not chew hard foods on the implant crown for 24 hours from the time they were cemented. The cement must mature for this length of time to have optimum strength. **NEVER** eat hard, sticky, taffy-like food or candy on any crowns. The suction created can cause crowns to come off and hard candy can cause porcelain to fracture (just like a natural tooth).

Problems: If one or more of the following conditions occurs, contact us immediately to avoid further problems:

--A feeling of movement or looseness of the crown or implant.

--Breakage of a piece of material from the crown.

--Constant or severe sensitivity to pressure.

We have done our best to provide you with the ***finest quality restorations*** available. However; as with a fine automobile or watch, only your continuing care and concern can assure optimum service longevity.

If you have any questions about today's treatment, please call them at: 202-244-1601.