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### STAINLESS STEEL CROWN GUIDELINES

*Stainless steel crowns are a valuable and effective means to restore baby or primary teeth.*

*Stainless steel crowns are used on primary(baby) molar teeth when large cavities are present, molars with broken existing restorations, on molars when baby nerve canal procedures are required or your child has worn down his/her teeth due to excessive grinding from a bruxism habit.*

*Stainless steel crowns are glued to the baby tooth with a cement after the tooth is prepared. The cement will withstand normal chewing however **sticky gooey candies, such as ju jubes, jawbreakers, fruit roll ups etc.**, should not be eaten. These foods will cause the crown to come off and may fracture the existing tooth below.*

*Should the crown come off, please call our office to schedule an appointment to have the crown recemented. This should be done fairly soon after the crown has come off but is not an emergency. Please have your child chew on the other side and avoid foods that are too hot or cold. Please bring the crown with you to the appointment.*

*The gums surrounding the new stainless steel crown will be tender and bleed for a couple of days after placement. Children's Advil will help to alleviate the discomfort if necessary. Gently brush the gums for 2-3 days after the crowns have been placed and then resume regular brushing and flossing.*

*The crown(s) will come out with the remaining baby tooth inside between the ages of 9-12 yrs with normal eruption of adult teeth.*

***Your child will have local anesthetic (freezing/numbness) in the area where the crown is placed and it will last approximately 2 hours. Please watch your child closely so that he/she does not bite or suck their cheek/lip.***

*Any questions regarding the above information please feel free to contact our office at any time and we would be happy to answer your questions/concerns.*