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Numbness Post-Operative Instructions:

- The sensation of being numb after the appointment is typically the most challenging aspect for a child to understand. Monitor your child closely so that he/she does not bite their tongue, cheek or lips - if this does happen, no treatment is necessary, but the lip may swell and turn white.
- It will take 1-3 hours for the numbness to wear off. During this time, your child should only eat soft foods on the opposite side of the mouth

Stainless Steel Crown Instructions:

- The cement we have used takes a while to dry. Nothing should be had to eat or drink for at least 45 minutes after leaving the office.
- To seat the crown correctly, work must be done just below the gumline; therefore, expect your child's gums to be sore for 2-3 days. Your child's gum tissue may bleed upon brushing for the next few days. To help with healing, keep the area clean by gently brushing two to three times a day and flossing.
- It may take a few days for your child to adjust to the crown or spacer. Do not let your child pick or pull at the crown as continuous force and pressure can pull it off.
- Your child should avoid sticky, hard candies (i.e. taffy, suckers, starbursts, caramels) **for the life of the crown**. Although it is cemented on to the tooth structure, these sticky foods can cause the crown or spacer to become loose.
- If a crown ever comes off, make sure you bring it with you for recementation. If it is lost or broken, there will be a replacement charge.
- When the baby tooth is ready to fall out, the crown and tooth will come out as one.