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Policy: Fixed Prosthodontics (crowns/Bridges)

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**Policy Statement:**

The Ne-Ia-Shing Dental Clinic will provide fixed prosthodontic services for all patients based on the degree of difficulty and availability of a dental provider.

**Purpose:** To provide fixed prosthodontic dental services to patients. Fixed prosthetics are expensive both in terms of dollars and clinical time. It is necessary to insure that all fixed prosthodontic services provided in Ne Ia Shing Dental Clinic meet guidelines, and are allocated in a manner that is consistent with levels of care guidelines.

**Procedure:** To establish fixed prosthodontics the patient must: Since fixed prosthodontics is considered "elective or major services" all other basic and preventative dental treatment must be complete before crown and bridge services are started unless otherwise indicated by the dentist.

Since this service involves "contract services" with a dental laboratory, lab fees may apply. We will not know the exact fee until we receive the invoice from the dental lab when the lab case arrives with the attached invoice. Crown and bridge services require prepayment of the laboratory fee before services begin. The lab fee is part of the total fee that is charged per unit.

- 1) The patient is made aware of the dentist's recommendation for treatment, the treatment plan and any lab fees that would be expected.
- 2) The patient is then scheduled for the treatment that is necessary.
- 3) The lab fee prepayment of at least 50% is due on the date that service begins. Final payment in full must be paid at the cementation date of service.
- 4) At the first appointment the tooth is prepped, the necessary impressions are taken and a temporary crown or bridge is made. The patient will be scheduled for an appointment to return to have their crown/ bridge permanently cemented.