



**Bonded Esthetic Functional Prototype (B-FEP) Restoration**

A Bonded Esthetic Functional Prototype (B-FEP) is a interim restoration which can be used to mimic the shape, contours, and color of a projected treatment with definitive porcelain restorations. It can also be used to allow phased treatment of several front teeth, which in the past needed to be treated all at once, in order to achieve the best outcome. The B-FEP technique is possible due to recent advances in materials and techniques. The B-FEP restoration is a tooth colored composite material

It is important for you to understand that **THIS IS AN TRANSITIONAL/INTERIM RESTORATION**, which will need to be replaced with definitive porcelain restorations.

In the situation where the B-FEP is being utilized to test for acceptable function of a new tooth length, limited bonding agent will be used, to allow easy removal in 4-12 weeks. Where the B-FEP is being used to allow phased treatment of several teeth, a more robust bonding system will be used to provide the best longevity. Our preference is to not delay definitive treatment for longer than 2-3 years, however. Because the B-FEP is connected between teeth, floss threaders and proxy brushes must be used to clean these areas. It is of utmost importance that excellent hygiene practices are utilized with B-FEP restorations, because contours are less than ideal, and can act as food traps which are more prone to decay if not properly maintained.

In some cases, a nighttime/daytime appliance may be prescribed. If a grinding/clenching habit is felt to be present

It is also important for you to understand that the materials used are not as strong as definitive porcelain restorations, and may be subject to early failure if you grind/clench your teeth. Harder foods such as nuts, may also cause chipping and early failure. We agree to maintain the B-FEP for 1 year, in cases of minor chipping or fracture for no charge. Additional fees for repairs for major failure, due to patient negligence or lack of use of a prescribed appliance, may apply with in the first year. Any repairs after the first year will result in additional fees.

By signing below, you attest that you have been informed as to the reason a B-FEP has been recommended for you particular situation, and you have elected for this treatment. You also understand your responsibility to maintain excellent oral hygiene, compliance with any prescribed appliances, and to complete definitive treatment in a reasonable time frame as indicated above. You also understand that additional fees may apply for repairs as described above

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_