The provisional crown

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TABLE 1: Functions of the provisional crown

| Protection: | Protect the preparation from thermal, chemical and physical trauma. |
| Positional stability: | Prevent migration of the tooth. |
| Mastication: | Provide good masticatory function. |
| Aesthetics: | Improve aesthetics and allow patient evaluation of any proposed changes. |
| Diagnostic information: | Allows patient to evaluate proposed aesthetic changes, changes in vertical dimension, and effects on speech. Allows assessment of whether the patient’s expectations have been met. Limitations of treatment outcome can also be identified. |

Figure 1: An Iwansson gauge used to estimate tooth reduction indirectly.