

DENTAL CROWNS AND VENEERS



WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CROWNS AND VENEERS?

A crown encases the entire tooth, a veneer just its front side. A fundamental difference between veneers and crowns is how much of the tooth they cover over. Veneers only cover over a tooth's front surface (the side that shows when the person smiles). There are four different types of dental crowns:

CERAMIC CROWNS

Ceramic crowns are used for restoring front teeth, and are popular in this area for their ability to blend with your natural tooth colour. The crown is made of a porcelain-based material.



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PORCELAIN FUSED TO METAL CROWNS

This crown provides a stronger bond than regular porcelain because it is connected to a metal structure. It's also extremely durable.



GOLD ALLOYS

This crown is a mix of gold, copper and other metals. In addition to providing a strong bond to the tooth, it doesn't fracture, nor does it wear away the tooth itself.



BASE METAL ALLOYS

This crown is made up of non-noble metals that are highly resistant to corrosion, and make for a very strong crown. It also requires the least amount of healthy tooth to be removed prior to fitting.



CARING FOR TEMPORARY CROWNS

Do not brush or floss too vigorously around your temporary crown. Remember that it is important to keep the area clean - but use caution. When flossing this tooth, do not pull up through the contact point between the teeth to remove the floss. Instead, carefully and slowly pull the floss to the side to slide it out.



- Avoid sticky foods
- Minimize chewing
- No hard foods
- Rinse with salt water

CARING FOR PERMANENT CROWNS

Keep your gums and teeth healthy by brushing with fluoride toothpaste twice a day and flossing daily. See your dentist or hygienist every 4 – 6 months for check-ups and professional cleanings. To prevent damage to your new crown or bridge, avoid chewing hard foods, grinding, biting nails, chewing ice or other hard objects.

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