

Dental Crowns

A dental crown is a restoration that fully covers the tooth above the gums. Crowns are custom made by a dental laboratory and restore the tooth to an ideal shape, function and appearance. The crown is permanently cemented or bonded to the tooth making it very strong.

Reasons why your Dentist may recommend a Crown

- *Repair or strengthen a damaged tooth due to a large Cavity or large Filling
- *Following Root Canal Therapy
- *Improve smile from discolored or poorly shaped tooth
- *Replace a missing tooth with a bridge or restore an implant

Crown procedure

On your first appointment, your dentist will use local anesthesia to ensure you will be comfortable. Your tooth will be reduced on all sides to make room for the crown material. An impression is taken of the tooth after it is trimmed and is sent to the Lab. You will leave the appointment with a temporary crown. The temporary material is not as strong as the final crown so chewing hard or sticky foods during this interim time is not advised.

When the lab has finished making the crown you will return for a second appointment. The temporary crown will be removed, and the final crown will be placed on your tooth. If you are happy with the appearance and if the fit is comfortable, the crown will be cemented with a permanent cement. You can maintain the crown as long as possible by seeing your dentist regularly and by brushing twice daily with a fluoride toothpaste



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