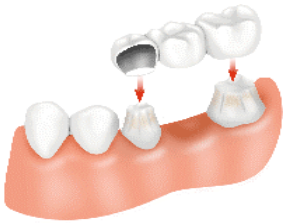


Crowns & Bridges

Crowns & Bridges are dental restorations, which are coverings that fit over teeth. They are made of natural looking porcelain on the outside, and in some cases an underlying metal shell is used under the porcelain to give additional strength.

Some of the indications for a crown are:

- 1 A previously filled tooth where there now exists more filling than tooth. The existing tooth structure becomes weakened and can no longer support the filling.
- 2 Extensive damage by decay.
- 3 Discolouration and compromised aesthetics
- 4 Fractures / Broken teeth
- 5 Root canal therapy – After RCT, the tooth tends to become brittle and are more apt to fracture. These teeth need to be protected by a crown.
- 6 If you have crooked teeth, braces are generally the best way to correct the problem. However, there may be an alternative to solve the problem. Crowns and veneers can be used to enhance your appearance.



- 7 **Bridges** – When missing teeth are replaced with a bridge, the adjacent teeth require crowns in order to support the replacement teeth.

- 8 **Implant** – Also when teeth are missing. A titanium screw (Implant) is placed into the bone to act as the root of a tooth and a crown is placed on top.



First Appointment

Firstly we prepare your tooth in a specific way in order to maximize the retention of your new crown.

Impressions of your tooth are taken so we have an accurate reading of your tooth and margins of the gum.

A temporary crown is placed on top until your next appointment, and half of the payment is taken at this visit.

Second Appointment

The temporary crown is removed and any excess cement is cleaned from the prepared tooth.

We try in the crown and check for accuracy of the bite and evaluate the aesthetics.

The crown is then cemented, and the balance of the crown is taken.

Crown

