

There may be several reasons why a crown may be your restoration of choice including: a large cavity, endodontically treated tooth (root canal), implant or aesthetics.

WHAT IS A CROWN

A crown is a covering that encases the entire tooth surface restoring it to its original shape and size. A crown protects and strengthens tooth structure that cannot be restored with fillings or other types of restorations.

REASONS FOR A CROWN

- Reinforcing a tooth that has had a root canal treatment
- Strengthening a tooth with a very large restoration
- Protection of a fractured tooth
- Recontouring the shape of a tooth to aid in correcting the alignment
- Enhancing the beauty of a discolored or disfigured tooth



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CROWNS



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CROWNS ARE MADE FROM

- Porcelain
- Ceramic
- Porcelain fused to metal
- Various types of metals (metal alloys and gold)

The type of crown used depends on the function and location of the crown. Eg. All-Ceramic crowns are usually used in the anterior area of the mouth. Gold crowns are used in the posterior area of the mouth.



THE PROCEDURE

A crown procedure usually requires two appointments. Your first appointment will include taking several accurate molds (or impressions) that will be used to create your custom crown. A mold will also be used to create a temporary crown which will stay on your tooth for approximately two weeks until your new crown is fabricated by the dental laboratory.

While the tooth is numb, the dentist will prepare the tooth by removing any decay and shaping the surface to properly fit the crown. Once these details are accomplished, your temporary crown will be placed with temporary cement and your bite will be checked to ensure you are biting properly.

At your second appointment your temporary crown will be removed, the tooth will be cleaned, and your new crown will be carefully placed to ensure the spacing and bite are accurate.



AFTER CARE

Although the material used to fabricate crowns are very strong they are still at risk for damage (porcelain, ceramic and porcelain fused to metal). It is therefore strongly advised that persons wearing these appliances should avoid cracking bones, ice and hard candy, biting your fingernails, and grinding your teeth.

Preventative Health Care Reviews and Dental Professional Cleaning visits twice a year will also enable the Dental Surgeon to evaluate the health of the crowned tooth and the surrounding gum tissue. Any destructive Plaque and Calculus being retained in this area will be thoroughly removed during this visit.

In between visits, it is imperative that an oral hygiene regime is followed closely. That is, brushing with a soft toothbrush which is angled at 45 degrees a minimum of two times daily, flossing daily and applying fluoride gel.

Team work between the Dental Professionals and you results in a win/win approach to the longevity of any appliance.