

CROWN & BRIDGE

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HAVE ALWAYS WANTED'

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What is a crown?

A crown is often the best way to save a weak tooth and strengthen it if it has been heavily filled or root filled. It fits over the existing natural tooth, improving chewing ability, appearance and maintains your natural bite.

What is a bridge?

A bridge is made of artificial teeth that are anchored to natural teeth in order to replace one or more missing teeth.

Crowns and bridges can be made up of porcelain (tooth coloured) or gold alloy. They are both very strong and durable.

What is involved?

Two appointments will be required to prepare and then fit the crown or bridge. Sometimes a root canal and post maybe required before treatment, if the nerve has died or been removed. A small part of the surface is removed from the existing tooth, a mould is then taken to record how the upper and lower teeth fit together. These moulds are then poured into models and sent to our laboratory for the crown or bridge to be constructed (this takes approximately 2 weeks). A temporary crown will be placed over the prepared tooth during this time. At the final appointment the shape, colour and bite is checked before we permanently fix the crown or bridge.

Crowns and bridges will provide you with a fixed way to replace your missing tooth structure or missing teeth very well, and should give you years of good service- provided you observe the following cautions:

Chewing: Do not chew hard foods on the restorations for 24 hours from the time they were cemented - to attain optimum strength, the cement must mature for approximately 24 hours.

Sensitivity: Don't worry about mild sensitivity to hot or cold foods. This sensitivity will disappear gradually over a few weeks. Infrequently, sensitivity lasts longer than six weeks. Please notify us if this occurs.

Preventative Procedures: As with natural teeth, to provide optimum longevity for your restorations and to prevent future dental decay and supporting tissue breakdown, please use the following preventive procedures:

- Brush and floss after eating and before bedtime.
- Use a fluoride rinse, swish vigorously for at least 30 seconds daily.
- Use superfloss, a Water Pik, an Interplak toothbrush, etc. as advised by us.

Continuing Care : *The most significant reason for prosthesis failure is inadequate return for examination.* Visit us at regular six-month examination periods. Often problems that are developing around the restorations can be found at an early stage and corrected easily. Waiting for a longer time may require redoing the entire crown.

Problems: Call us immediately if any one of these conditions occurs:

- A feeling of movement or looseness in the restoration.
- Sensitivity to sweet foods.
- A peculiar taste from the restoration site.
- Breakage of a piece of material from the restoration.
- Sensitivity to pressure.



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