

### What about colour match?

The dentist will match your new crown / bridge to the same colour as your existing teeth. This will allow the cosmetic treatment to be unnoticeable and as natural as possible.

### More Info:

For more information in regards to crown, bridges or veneers, please see our friendly reception staff or make an appointment with one of our dentists.

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## Information on Cosmetic Services



## What are Crowns?

Crowns are dental restorations otherwise known as "caps" which are coverings that fit completely over a tooth. Crowns in general add a good deal of strength to weakened or worn teeth as well as improve its appearance, shape and alignment.



## Why is a Dental Crown Needed?

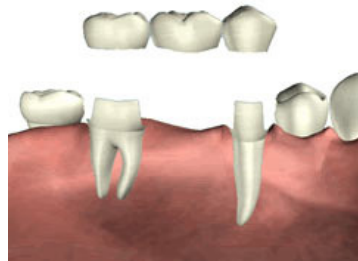
A dental crown may be needed when at least one of the following occurs:

- To protect a tooth weakened after Root canal treatment
- To restore an already broken tooth or a tooth that has been severely worn down
- To cover and support a tooth with a large filling when there isn't a lot of tooth left
- To hold a dental bridge in place
- To cover misshaped or severely discoloured teeth
- To cover a dental implant.

## What is a bridge??

A dental bridge is a false tooth which is fused between two crowns to fill an area left by a missing tooth. The two crowns holding it in place that are attached onto your teeth on each side of the false tooth. This procedure is one of the many cosmetic options used to replace one or more missing teeth.

If spaces are left unfilled, they may cause the surrounding teeth to drift out of position. Additionally, spaces from missing teeth can cause your other teeth and your gums to become far more susceptible to tooth decay and gum disease.

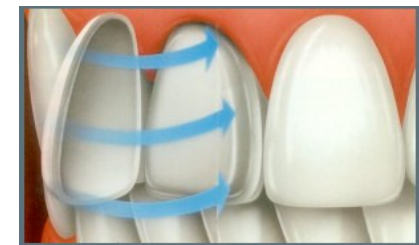


## How long crowns / bridges last??

On average, crowns and bridges last between 5 to 15 years. The life span of a crown depends on the amount of "wear and tear" the crown is exposed to, how well your oral hygiene is and your personal mouth-related habits (ie grinding, clenching or using your teeth to open items)

## What is a Veneer??

Veneers are placed normally over the anterior teeth to change the appearance of the teeth. They can be the cure for teeth that are severely discoloured, chipped, have small holes or pits, misshapen, crooked or for the correction of unwanted or uneven spaces. They are different to crowns as they only cover the anterior surface of the tooth



## What is the process?

The process for crown, bridges and veneers are very similar. It is spread over two appointments which are normally approx 10 days apart. At the first appointment (the longer in length) The dentist will reshape the tooth / teeth and take an impression on your mouth. Finally he prepares a temporary crown/bridge or veneer which will cover the tooth until the permanent is ready. At the second appointment, the dentist will remove the temporary and permanently cement the crown/bridge or veneer which has been made especially for you.

Sometimes, when a tooth has lost a great deal of its original tooth structure, a preliminary filling of your tooth may be needed before the crown. This will stabilize the tooth and ensure that the crown will fit perfectly.