

Information

Treatment for crowns, bridges, veneers and inlay/onlay involves two separate appointments; The first appointment involves preparing the tooth and taking impressions for the lab in order for them to fabricate your crown, and creating a temporary crown out of composite (filling) material; The second appointment is generally 3-4 weeks later after the crown, bridge or veneer is fabricated by the dental lab is fabricated, to be placed permanently onto the pre-prepared tooth.

- You may experience some sensitivity or mild discomfort for the next few days following your procedure. If necessary you may take pain relief such as paracetamol to help with any discomfort. If you experience on severe or ongoing pain please contact the surgery.
- Whilst the crown is being fabricated you will be fitted with a temporary crown. As these are temporary and designed to be removed, there is a chance that it may come loose or fall out. If this happens please contact the dentist to have it replaced if needed.
- Once your permanent crown, bridge or veneer is placed, it is important you care for the tooth as you would your own natural tooth. It is important to brush and floss around the tooth and to have your regular dental check-ups and cleans. It is possible to have issues, such as cavities, with the supporting structures of the tooth and underneath the crown/bridge/veneer. Therefore keeping the area clean and healthy is very important.
- Although unusual, it is possible for the crown to chip, break, come loose and/or fall off. If this happens you should contact the dental practice immediately. If it has fallen off completely try to hold onto it and bring it into the dentist to be fit back onto the tooth.
- Be careful biting on hard or particularly sticky objects (such as pens or chewy lollies) as this could cause a fracture or chip in the crown (particularly if you have had veneers placed).
- Crowns, veneers and bridges are generally made of porcelain and do not whiten. If you are planning on whitening your teeth, this is something best done before you go ahead with this type of appointment as you can then match the crown shade to your whitened teeth.
- Your dentist may recommend an occlusal splint to protect your new crown/bridge/veneer against clenching or grinding, particularly if you have had veneers placed, depending on the way your mouth closes (bite) or if you have any history of clenching/grinding.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your crown, bridge or veneer please contact us at the surgery to assist you with your needs.