

Our Mission Statement:

“Our aim is to deliver the highest standard of care in a comfortable and friendly environment”



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we'll take care of you

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Wheelchair access is available



Tell me about

Crowns





What is a crown?

A crown is a tooth-shaped cover placed over the remaining part of a prepared tooth making it strong and improving the appearance. Some people call it a cap.

Why do I need a crown?

Crowns may be placed for several reasons. The tooth may be broken, severely damaged by decay. It may have been root treated which would need a crown to make it stronger. A crown may hold together parts of a cracked tooth. It may help to hold a denture or bridge.

Can anyone have a crown?

Crowns aren't usually given to young patients until the teeth and jaws are fully developed. The gums and supporting bone must be healthy.

What is a crown made of?

Crowns can be made of a variety of materials including Porcelain,

Porcelain bonded to precious metal, ceramic or gold. Further back in the mouth metal and porcelain, or metal alone, may be used to give greater strength. Your dentist will discuss with you the most suitable material for you.

How is a crown prepared?

The dentist will prepare the tooth by removing most of the outer layer of tooth, leaving the strong inner core. An impression or mould will be taken of both your top and bottom teeth to make sure your teeth will bite together with your new crown. These impressions will be sent to a dental laboratory for the crown to be made, this can take 1 to 2 weeks.

A temporary crown will be fitted over your prepared tooth whilst you are waiting for the new crown to be made, this may look or feel different but it is only a temporary measure.

How is the crown fitted?

The crown will be shown to you and once you and your dentist are happy with the fit and appearance, it will be fixed in place with a cement or adhesive.

What will it cost?

Costs will vary depending on the type of crown and the material used. You will be given a treatment plan before beginning any dental treatment.

How do I care for my crown?

Properly cared for crowns should last for many years as long as the teeth and gums are maintained by both the patient and dentist. Brush for two minutes twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste and clean in between your teeth with 'interdental' brushes or floss.

No guarantee can be given and they may need to be replaced in time. Your dentist will

advise if there are reasons which may shorten the lifespan.

What are the risks?

- Wearing temporary crowns may come off easily.
- There may be post operative discomfort, short term irritation of the nerve tissue causing sensitivity to heat, cold or pressure.
- Irreversible irritation requiring additional treatment including root canal treatment.
- Crown de-cementing, food trapping and infection.
- Failure of treatment.
- Poor oral hygiene will result in decay.

Are there any alternatives to crowns?

If a tooth is very heavily broken down, there may be no alternative unless the tooth is removed and the gap in the mouth is replaced by a denture, implant or bridge. Please discuss this with your dentist if you are unsure.

