



Informed consent for Crown, Bridge and Veneers

Patients Name _____ Date of Birth _____

I have been advised of and understand that treatment of dental conditions requiring crowns, veneers and/or fixed bridgework, involve certain risks and possible unsuccessful results. I agree to assume the risks associated with crowns and/or fixed bridgework, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. Reduction of tooth structure

To restore decayed or otherwise traumatized teeth, it is necessary to modify the existing tooth or teeth so that crowns (caps) and/or bridges may be placed upon them. Tooth preparation will be done as conservatively as practical, but I understand that normally at least some of my existing tooth structure will be removed.

2. Sensitivity of teeth

After the preparation of teeth for the reception of crowns, veneers or bridges, the teeth may exhibit mild to severe sensitivity. If it is persistent, please notify us so that we can determine the cause of the sensitivity and seek to treat that condition.

3. Crown or bridge abutment teeth may require root canal treatment

After being crowned, teeth may develop a condition known as pulpitis or pulpal degeneration. If teeth remain sensitive for long periods of time following crown/veneer/bridge placement, root canal treatment may be necessary.

4. Breakage

Crowns and bridges may chip or break. Many factors can contribute to this situation, including chewing excessively hard materials, change in biting forces, traumatic blows to the mouth, etc. Undetectable cracks may develop in crowns from these causes, but the crowns/bridges themselves may not actually break until sometime later.

5. Uncomfortable or strange feeling

Crowns and bridges are artificial and therefore feel different from natural teeth. Most patients become accustomed to this feeling over time.

6. Aesthetics or appearance

Patients will be given the opportunity to observe the appearance of crowns or bridges in place, prior to final cementation. Once final cementation is done, no changes can be made.



7. Longevity of crowns and bridges

Many variables determine how long crowns and bridges can be expected to last. Among these are some of the factors mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, including the general health of the patient, oral hygiene, regular dental checkups and diet. As a result, no guarantees can be made or assumed to be made regarding the longevity of the crowns or bridges. Like natural teeth crowns, bridges and veneers need to be kept clean with proper oral hygiene and periodic professional cleanings otherwise decay may develop underneath and/or around margins of the restorations leading to the need for further treatment.

Failure to keep the cementation appointment can result in ultimate failure of the restoration

I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions regarding the nature and purpose of crowns and/or bridge treatment, and have received answers to my satisfaction. By signing this document, I am freely giving my consent to allow and authorize Dr. _____ and/or his/her associates to render any treatment necessary and/or advisable to my dental conditions, including the prescribing and administering of any medications and/or anesthetics deemed necessary to my treatment.

Tooth #(s) and Treatment: _____

Patient signature/legally authorized representative: _____

Printed name if signed on behalf of the patient: _____

Relationship _____ Date _____