



CROWNS & BRIDGES



Dental Bridges

Missing teeth can affect your self-esteem and impact your enjoyment of life. If you are not happy with your smile, it can have a major impact on your confidence. Fortunately, a custom-fitted dental bridge may be the answer for restoring your smile.

A dental bridge is a false tooth used to fill in the space left by a missing tooth. Supported by two crowns on the teeth either side of the space, your new restoration will 'bridge' the gap left by missing teeth.

Dental bridges are designed to be completely natural in appearance, usually requiring just two visits to your dentist. Dental bridges are an extremely functional way to replace missing teeth, and in conjunction with dental crowns, can give you a smile that is as beautiful as it is functional.

Bridges can give you enormous benefits such as reducing your risk of gum disease, helping to correct some bite issues and even improving your speech. If you maintain good oral hygiene, your new bridge will serve you well for a decade or more.

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Restoring the beauty of your smile

For many people, an unfortunate but natural part of getting older is that our teeth are no longer as structurally sound as they once were. Root canal work, lost fillings, decay, or chipping and cracking of the enamel, can all lead to large-scale problems in a tooth's surface. If you're suffering from any of these problems, but the root system of your tooth is intact, a crown or bridge may be the ideal solution for you.

Covering the entire visible part of your tooth, a dental crown is ideal for restoring teeth that are broken, fractured, chipped or missing large fillings. Your natural teeth's appearance will be much improved, and your smile brighter and straighter.

A dental bridge can be used to replace one or more missing teeth. Bridges fill a space left by a missing tooth or teeth with a false tooth that is fused between two porcelain crowns. Unlike removable partial dentures, bridges remain fixed inside your mouth.

Crowns and bridges can be used for both restorative and cosmetic dental procedures. Depending on your individual situation, they can be an ideal way to restore the beauty of your smile.



Dental Crowns

Also referred to as caps, crowns are good solutions for teeth that are broken, missing fillings, or are fractured, chipped or sensitive. Crowns can greatly improve the appearance of your natural teeth, brightening your smile if you have dull or discoloured teeth, or strengthening a root treated tooth.

Teeth grinding, an improper bite, age and tooth decay are all problems that can be addressed with the strength, durability and stability of dental crowns.

While crowns can be made from a variety of materials, the most common material is porcelain due to its strength and ability to look and function like a natural tooth. A thorough examination by your dentist will reveal the best material for your circumstances.

Your dental crown procedure

Constructing your dental crown requires two appointments with your dentist. At your first appointment, your dentist will prepare your tooth by removing a small amount of your tooth's surface, and making an impression mould. You will then have a temporary crown fitted in place over your tooth while your final crown is made. Your crown is then created at a dental laboratory, over a period of about three weeks. Then at a second appointment at our practice, your temporary crown is removed and your final crown placed.

Once you are completely happy with your crown's appearance, and your dentist is happy with its fit, your new crown is permanently affixed, and you can show off your beautiful new smile.