

Craigentinny Dental Guides

Crown Overview

Crowns are prescribed when a tooth or teeth are too badly decayed, broken or cracked to be restored with a filling. Crowns are normally needed for teeth that have root fillings. Crowns are also placed on dental implants to replace missing teeth or can be used in smile makeovers to improve appearance.

Crowns can be made porcelain fused to a metal base layer for added strength. With new technology we can now also make some crowns entirely from high strength ceramic and porcelain for beautiful cosmetic results.



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Sometimes it is possible to prepare a crown before the tooth actually breaks



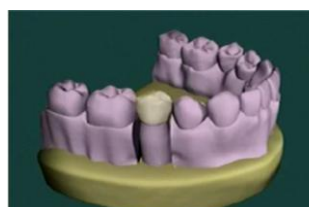
First the tooth is built back up to its original size.



Then we reduce the outer layer of the tooth



An impression is taken of your prepared tooth



A new crown is custom made in the laboratory



Finally we bond the new crown in place at a second visit 10 days later

Advantages

The crown will strengthen your tooth. It can be used to cover large and unsightly fillings. They can be made to almost any shape and size so long as there is room in your mouth and your bite will allow this. This is designed to be a longer lasting and more predictable treatment than for example a big filling

Disadvantages

There is a small risk about 5-10% that the nerve in a tooth will die after a crown is placed. If this happens then a root treatment would become necessary. Every care is taken to avoid this through careful technique.

What to expect

After your tooth is prepared for a crown it maybe a little tender or sensitive. We will make you a temporary crown to wear until our technicians make your new crown.

After fitting it often takes a few days for the tooth to settle down and for your new crown to feel as though it is "part" of you. This is entirely normal.

Lifespan

With thorough home care and regular examinations it is likely that your crown will last for many years to come. We offer an extended restoration warranty to our patients and details of this are included in our welcome pack.

Guarantee

We guarantee any crown provided by us against breakage or loss for a period of 5 years after placement. T&C apply.