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# Why do I need a Dental Crown?

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A crown is a cover or "cap" your dentist can put over a tooth.

A crown restores a damaged or missing tooth to its normal shape, size and function. A crown can protect the tooth or improve the way it looks.

Your dentist may recommend a crown to:

- Support a tooth that has a large filling when there isn't enough natural tooth structure remaining
- Attach a bridge to replace missing teeth
- Protect a weak tooth from fracturing
- Restore a fractured tooth
- Cover a badly shaped or discolored tooth
- Cover a dental implant

#### 1/- What is a crown made from?

Crowns can be made from several types of materials. Metal alloys, ceramics, porcelain, porcelain fused to metal or composite resin may be used. When a crown is made, the material often is tooth colored to blend in with your natural teeth.

You want your crown to look natural and fit comfortably in your mouth. To decide which material to use for your crown, you and our specialist will consider many factors, such as:

- the tooth's location and function
- the position of the gum tissue
- the amount of tooth that shows when you smile
- the color or shade of the surrounding teeth

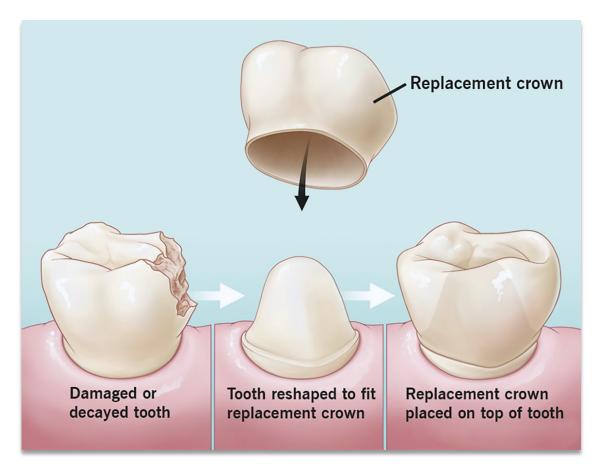
#### 2/- How does it work to have a crown placed?

It usually takes two dental visits to complete the treatment. When a crown is placed over a natural tooth, several steps are involved:

- Your dentist prepares the tooth by removing the outer portion, including any decay, so the crown will fit. If additional tooth structure is needed to support the crown, your dentist may build up the core of the tooth.
- An impression is made to create an exact model of your tooth. The impression can be made from a mold or by digitally scanning the tooth.

- To protect your tooth while the permanent crown is being made, a temporary crown is placed. Making the permanent crown usually takes less than 2 weeks. While you have a temporary crown, the tooth may be sensitive to hot and cold. Avoid chewing gum and eating sticky foods during this time. If your dentist has special equipment, you may be able to get your permanent crown on the same day.
- When the permanent crown is ready, your dentist places it in your mouth and makes the necessary adjustments. When you and your dentist are happy with how it looks and feels, the crown is cemented into place.

### Dental crown placement:



- 1. Inspection and consultation
- 2. Preparing the tooth
- 3. Placing the temporary crown
- 4. Waiting for the final crown to be custom made in our laboratory
- 5. Placing the dental crown
- 6. Caring for your crown

## 3/- Caring for your teeth

Like natural teeth, crowns can break. And, the tooth under the crown can still get cavities. To prevent cavities or damage to your crown:

**Brush your teeth** twice a day with a hydroxiapatite toothpaste and clean between your teeth every day. Look for oral care products that have the American Dental Association's Seal of Acceptance, which tells you they meet ADA standards for safety and effectiveness.

Avoid chewing hard foods, ice or other hard objects, such as pencils, especially if you have tooth-colored crowns.

Be sure to see your dentist for regular exams and professional teeth cleanings



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