

TOOTH SUPPORTED CROWN

A tooth supported crown is a restoration that replaces lost, weak, damaged or unsightly tooth structure.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How is a crown made?

- An impression or scan is made of the tooth that has been shaped for a crown.
- Using the impression or scan, a crown is made.
- The crown is cemented permanently on the tooth and is not removeable.



Teeth weakened by large fillings

2. What materials are used to make a crown?

- All ceramic.
- Ceramic fused to a metal foundation.
- Metal alloy, usually gold.



Teeth protected with
All Ceramic Crowns

3. What are the benefits of a crown?

- Replaces missing or broken tooth structure.
- Protects a tooth weakened by a large filling or decay from breaking.
- May improve the bite.
- Can improve the appearance of a damaged or discolored tooth.
- May decrease the risk of future tooth decay.



Gold Crown

4. What are the risks of a crown?

- Tooth sensitivity that may last several months.
- The crowned tooth may need root canal treatment which could be a six percent risk or higher, depending on previous treatment.
- It may not copy the natural tooth in terms of shape, size or color.
- Recession of the gum may occur and as a result the junction of the crown and tooth may show.
- Should the natural teeth change color due to age or bleaching, the color of the crown may not match.



Unightly Crown on front tooth

5. Are there any alternatives to a crown?

- A large pre-existing filling may seal the tooth from decay but may not protect the tooth from breaking.

6. How long will a crown last?

- Depending upon the material used, eighty percent of crowns may be expected to last up to twenty years.
- Excessive biting pressure on the teeth may cause a crown to chip, break, or wear out.
- Decay may occur on the root surface of the tooth if not covered by the crown.
- Your dentist will provide insight and guidance as to the choice of crown.



Two All Ceramic Crowns