

# 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.

### 2. What materials are used to make a crown?

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



Teeth weakened by large fillings



Teeth protected with All Ceramic Crowns



Gold Crown



Unsightly Crown on front tooth



Two All Ceramic Crowns