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☞ To improve the cleanliness of a tooth.

What is a Crown made of?

Dental Crowns are made from different materials, ceramics, porcelain gold or a combination of metals. New materials are being introduced all the time, porcelain bonded crowns are the most common. A precious metal base is made and a porcelain layer is applied over the precious metal. Porcelain crowns use only porcelain, this is not as strong as porcelain bonded crowns. However, porcelain dental crowns are more natural looking than porcelain bonded crowns. We mostly recommend this for the front teeth. Another type of crown is ceramic. Ceramic crowns are as strong as porcelain bonded crowns and as natural looking as porcelain crowns. Due to these two advantages, we use ceramic crowns for any tooth. Glass crowns are another option which can be used on both front and back teeth. Gold crowns are a very old method which can still be used but can be difficult to wear.



Dental Crowns Treatment Procedure

Dental Crown treatment can be carried out in two visits

1. First visit

The dentist will discuss all possible treatment options with you before deciding on a treatment. Once you and the [dentist](#) agree that a dental crown is the right treatment the dentist will start the preparation for the dental crown. You may have a local anaesthetic to avoid any possible discomfort during the treatment. Cleaning the tooth, removing all decay, signs of decay and reshaping the tooth are the main activities involved in the first stage. The dentist will use dental wax to obtain an impression of your tooth. This will be the base or blueprint of your dental crown, until the final crown is made, a temporary crown will be fixed to your tooth.

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2. Second visit

At this visit the temporary crown will be removed and the permanent crown will be fixed. The [dentist](#) will ensure the fitting and alignments are perfect before fixing the crown. If you and the dentist are satisfied with the placement, the dentist will apply a dental cement to fix the crown permanently.

The average life of a dental crown is 10 to 15 years. However this may vary from person to person. If you take good care of your crown as much your other teeth, it will last longer. You will need to have regular check-ups with the dentist to ensure your dental crown remains in good condition. Dental crowns cannot decay, however decay can start from the edge of crown where it joins the tooth. Therefore regular check-ups are necessary.

If you would like discuss dental crown treatment please feel free to contact our practice at any time. You can **call us on 01606 44725** or [mail us](#) your enquiry. If you are planning to have a dental crown on your tooth, please fill in the online appointment form to enable us to reserve a convenient time for you.



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Cosmetic and Health Benefits of Dental Crowns

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Dental crowns are a form of dental restoration which can have both cosmetic and health benefits. There are many reasons for placing dental crowns, which are a popular choice to treat damaged teeth. Also called a 'cap,' dental crowns are designed to protect the tooth from any further damage.

What Is a Dental Crown?

A dental crown is a form of tooth restoration which involves treatment of damaged, broken or cracked teeth. The crown completely envelopes the damaged tooth to protect it from any further decay. It is colored and shaped to match the natural tooth as closely as possible in order for it to blend in with the patient's natural teeth.

Dental crowns can be made using a variety of materials that are strong enough to withstand impact. For this reason, crowns - or caps - can actually improve the strength of the teeth. Common materials used to fabricate crowns include porcelain and ceramics.

How Are Dental Crowns Applied?

Creating and applying a dental crown is a two step process. Firstly, the actual tooth must be made prior to applying it to the patient. To do so, the patient's tooth must be shaved into a tapered shape to allow the crown to fit properly over the tooth. A local anesthetic may be administered prior to reshaping the tooth.



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After the tooth has been tapered, the dentist will create an impression of your tooth using dental wax or putty. This is done by the patient biting into the putty for a few seconds to leave an impression of the teeth. A laboratory will take this imprinted dental wax and use it to create the dental crown.

The second step involves the actual application of the crown to the damaged tooth. The temporary crown that was fitted previously is removed, after which the tapered tooth is covered with dental cement to allow a strong bond between the crown and the tooth. The crown is then fitted into place, and more dental cement is used to seal it.

Cosmetic Benefits of Dental Crowns

People may choose to have dental crowns placed over their natural teeth for cosmetic reasons to improve the aesthetic look of their smile. Instead of using orthodontic means - such as braces or retainers - to fix or straighten their teeth, some people choose to have porcelain or ceramic crowns placed. This will create a more attractive smile within weeks rather than months.

For those who have severely distorted teeth, orthodontics may not even be an option to increase the appearance of the teeth. If the teeth are crooked, discolored and misshaped, perhaps dental crowns are the best option. This will ensure even shape and color, and perfect tooth alignment.

Health Benefits of Dental Crowns

There may be health reasons that can prompt a person to have dental crowns placed. These reasons can include:

- * Injury: An accident or injury may have caused one or more teeth to be damaged, which can be fixed with a dental crown.
- * Root Canal: The mechanics of a root canal can weaken the natural tooth. A dental crown can restore the strength to that particular tooth.
- * Bruxism: This refers to teeth grinding, which can wear and tear on the teeth. Teeth grinding can actually initiate tooth erosion, which is treatable using dental crowns.
- * Tooth Decay: This can severely weaken the tooth, which may result in the need for intervention to maintain the structure of the tooth.
- * Tooth Fracture: Sometimes a tooth fracture may be so significant that simple tooth bonding is not strong enough to keep it together properly. A dental crown can be opted for in this case to restore strength in the damaged tooth.

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Let's Talk About Sensitive Issues

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Are you ready for a discussion of sensitive issues? Here at our [Northern New Jersey dental practice](#), we notice that sensitive teeth is quite a common complaint among our patients, either as an ongoing or recurring problem. For some of our patients, biting down on extremely hot or cold foods can already lead to mild to severe toothache.

The list below may help you deal with your sensitive tooth issues:

- Use fluoridated mouthwash and toothpaste for sensitive teeth.
- Avoid consumption of highly acidic foods and drinks which could further dissolve your enamel. Energy drinks and sodas are excellent examples.
- If you find yourself grinding and clenching your teeth, take measures to avoid them from recurring such as wearing mouth-guards at night or engaging in activities that help reduce stress.

By and large, tooth sensitivity is a symptom of an underlying disease such as gum disease, fractured teeth, tooth decay, and worn out fillings. Regardless of the level of pain, tooth sensitivity is always unpleasant. Our Garden State Dental team can help assess and evaluate the right treatment option for your sensitive tooth issues — from a root

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