



CROWNS

What is a crown:

A crown is a tooth shaped “cap” that is placed over a tooth surface, restoring it to its original shape and size while adding strength and even improving appearance. A crown protects the part of the tooth structure that cannot be restored with fillings or other types of restorations. They are highly durable and will last many years. Porcelain crowns are made to match the shape, size, and color of your teeth giving you a natural, long-lasting, beautiful smile.

We have 2 crown possibilities at NorthView Family Dental:

- Same-day crowns - Single appointment, done in-house, leave with a permanent restored tooth.
- Lab crowns - Two appointments: first appointment to shape the tooth and receive a temporary crown, second appointment for the permanent crown a couple weeks later.

Reasons for a crown:

- Restore a tooth that is broken or fractured
- Provide strength to a tooth that is severely damaged
- To complete a dental implant procedure
- Provide strength to a tooth following Root Canal Therapy
- To cover misshaped or discolored teeth
- To hold a dental bridge in place

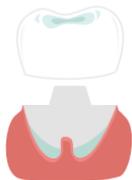
Benefits of a crown:

- The restoration of the tooth’s original shape and size
- Reduces decay settling on the underlying tooth
- Provides additional strength to a weakened tooth
- A durable cap to prolonging the life of the tooth

How it’s done:



Damaged tooth



Reshaped tooth to fit
the crown



Crown on reshaped
tooth

POST OP CARE INSTRUCTIONS

What to expect after treatment:

- Gum tissue may be sore after treatment.
- It is very important to keep the area clean by brushing and rinsing for 30 seconds with 8oz of water and 1/2 tsp. of salt, as needed, to keep everything clean and promote healing.
- A local anesthetic was used that might last for several hours after the procedure. Avoid any chewing until the numbness has completely worn off.
- There are no restrictions on your usual activities. Brush and floss as you do your natural teeth.
- Sensitivity to foods and liquids is a normal reaction, and may last for several weeks, but should begin to feel better every day. If pain persists please call our office for an evaluation.

Temporaries

- Temporaries may break or come off occasionally. If so, place some Vaseline in the temporary to reactivate the temporary cement or call and we will assist you. Please do not leave the temporary out of your mouth, your teeth can shift and the final custom made restoration may not fit properly.
- The size, shape, and color of the temporary may not resemble the final restoration. Furthermore, it may fade or change shades, especially when exposed to things like coffee, soda, red wines, etc.
- Candy and gum will very likely remove any given temporary, please refrain from using them while your custom crown is being made.
- Temporary restorations may leak saliva or food onto the tooth if left in place longer than recommended, even with proper care.
- Sensitivity to hot, cold, pressure or sweets is not uncommon.

Notify our office if:

- You feel that your bite is not correctly balanced
- It feels as if the bridge is too high - you are hitting the crowns when you first bite down
- The bridge breaks, feels loose or falls out

If any of the above occurs, please call the office to schedule an appointment at no charge for a simple adjustment.

For more detailed information, visit us at: northviewsmiles.com

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