



## CROWNS / ONLAYS / INLAYS

Dental crowns/onlays are the best choice to fix and/or protect heavily filled or broken-down teeth. For root canal treated teeth, dental crowns have been proven to extend the life of teeth by providing an excellent seal and unrivalled mechanical reinforcement.

The best part is, modern dental ceramics can be made to mimic teeth near perfectly, so your crown will look and feel just like a natural tooth. If you have chosen gold, you can enjoy the peace of mind that it will withstand the test of time even in the harshest conditions!

### Success and Longevity

At Oaks Dental, we take great pride in our work and always aim to deliver the best results for our patients. However, as with any medical/dental procedure, individual patient factors can affect the final outcome. Some factors are beyond even our control. These may include, but are not limited to your diet, oral hygiene habits and frequency of dental attendance. There is a given lifespan for all dental work. The best insurance against early treatment issues is to ensure you take great care of your teeth, and attend your regular check-ups.

### Other options available to you

1. No treatment: May lead to more costly treatment or the tooth deteriorating beyond repair
2. A large coverage filling: Less long-term protection of the tooth, compared to a crown, and subject to more frequent failures. In some cases, will not offer a satisfactory aesthetic result.
3. Referral to a prosthodontist (specialist in the field).

### Things to be aware of during the procedure

- The removal of natural tooth and old restorations is often required to ensure that the crown is placed on a solid foundation. This is done as conservatively as possible with the utmost care.
- Sensitivity is a common reaction following any complex dental procedure. This is generally short-lived and will resolve with time.

### Temporary crown

- You will be given a temporary crown after the first visit while the crown is being made by the technician. This is an important part of your treatment as it will not only protect your tooth, but also stops the neighbouring and opposing teeth from moving.
- Instructions will be given after your crown preparation visit, on taking care of your temporary crown.

### Things to be aware of after the procedure

- If your tooth has a history with nerve inflammation, or an existing deep cavity/filling, then there will always be a risk that the nerve can become irreversibly affected during the treatment. This means the tooth may need root canal treatment either before fitting the crown (ideal), or in the future after fitting the crown.
- Sometimes if your dentist is concerned about the nerve, you may need to have a temporary crown on for longer, and return for a review prior to fitting the crown. It is very important you notify your dentist of any symptoms close to the day of fitting the final crown.
- Dental anaesthesia is often used for the procedure, so you may experience some mild tenderness and swelling at the site of the injection. The resulting numbness/tingling is typically short acting but may be prolonged in some individuals. Permanent changes in sensation is a very rare complication of dental anaesthetics.
- Despite their strength, crowns can occasionally fracture if subject to excessively heavy forces such as uncontrolled grinding or clenching, biting unnaturally hard foods/objects, or in the event of a fall or trauma. We do however offer replacements for defective construction resulting in premature breakage.