

Crowns, Bridges, and Veneers

Consent Form

- **Reduction of tooth structure:** In order to replace decayed or otherwise traumatized teeth, it is necessary to modify the existing tooth or teeth so that crowns (caps) can be placed on them. Tooth preparation will be performed as conservatively as possible.
- **Sensitivity of Teeth:** Often, after preparations, the teeth may exhibit sensitivity which may be mild to severe. The sensitivity usually lasts for a short period of time and resolves as with any inflammation.
- **Possible Root Canal:** Teeth after being prepared for crowns may develop a condition called pulpitis (inflammation of the tissue in the tooth). If the sensitivity does not subside, root canal therapy may be necessary to remove the tissue in the tooth. Once the crown has been cemented, a root canal may still be necessary several years down the line due to pulpal degeneration (breakdown of tissue inside the tooth). Both instances very rarely occur.
- **Breakage:** Crowns, bridges, and veneers may possibly chip or break. Many factors could contribute to this situation such as chewing excessively hard materials, changes in biting forces, teeth grinding, etc. Unobservable cracks may develop in crowns from these causes and the repeated stress and subsequent strain on the crowns may cause them to fracture. Fractures are very frequently seen when chewing soft foods as the causative agent is not the food, but the accumulated strain on the material.
- **Longevity of Crown:** There are many variables that determine how long a crown will last. Proper oral hygiene, maintaining good general health, regular checkups, diet, parafunctional habits (grinding), type of material (gold, porcelain and gold, or all porcelain and ceramic) can all influence longevity. As a result, placing an exact timeline is difficult.
- **Different Feeling:** The shape of your new crown may be different than your existing tooth and it may take some time to become accustomed to the feel of the new crown.

I have a basic understanding of the procedure (crown, bridge, or veneer) and I hereby give consent for the procedure. If you have any questions, please consult Dr. Adomian prior to signing.

Tooth # (s): _____

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Dr. Signature _____

Date _____