



“So I Need A Crown!?”

Crowns, or “Caps” as some people call them, are restorations that are made to restore a tooth that has been significantly broken down. Teeth get much weaker when they have been invaded by decay and fractures can occur which make the tooth painful during daily function.

Your tooth may have had multiple fillings or a root canal procedure may have recently performed. To prevent further destruction by decay and the forces of eating you have been advised to have this tooth restored with a crown.

Many materials have been used in fabricating crowns with metal restorations having been used for many years. Recently, computers have been helping to create today’s restorations. Tooth colored restorations are the norm today, but in some hidden areas of the mouth a metal crown can still be used with great success and comfort.

The metals that are used for crowns range from non-precious to highly precious alloys. Many crowns are a mixture of porcelain (“tooth colored”) with a metal base and therefore these crowns are called Porcelain Fused to Metal Crowns (“PFMs”). With the recent advances in esthetic dentistry, we have been able to provide Procera Crowns (Nobel Biocare) which look amazing and work just like your original teeth—often better.

The benefits of a crown are obvious: Restore the tooth to proper contour, color and function. In addition, crowns reduce the chance of further breakdown of a tooth that may have had a large restoration previously due to decay or fracture.

Several risks exist when a crown is placed on a tooth. Crowns are “cemented” to the tooth with different types of cement. In some cases the dentist may need to have the ability to remove the crown at a later date. If this is the case then “temporary cement” is used. If there is no reason to remove at a later date then more secure cement will be used.

You may have a time when a crown comes off unexpectedly. Care should be taken to remove the crown from the mouth so that it is not accidentally swallowed or lost. Contact the office so that arrangements can be made to recement this crown.

I, _____ DATE _____

Acknowledge that my treating dentist (Dr. Keith Kordsmeier) has explained to me the following in full and in a manner which I understand:

- The need and nature of the procedure, my dentist recommends: A crown will be placed on tooth # _____ and this will help restore the tooth to proper shape and function.

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