



## Veneer Consent

You have considered having a cosmetic procedure to improve the shade and appearance of your teeth. This is accomplished by preparing the teeth so that a thin layer of porcelain can be added to the visible parts of the teeth. With any dental procedure there are risks and benefits of the procedure and this consent is to discuss this topic.

### RISKS:

- Veneers are not permanent
- Veneering is irreversible
- Many times bleaching is preferred
- Many times orthodontics is preferred
- Occasionally speech problems and food trapping occurs
- Occasionally crowns are required to replace
- Post-OP sensitivity can occur
- Trauma to the teeth can cause fracture of the restoration

### BENEFITS:

- Veneers are cemented to teeth with a strong bonding agent that has improved dramatically over the years and yet they are not permanent
- Veneers are typically very thin and require little tooth reduction and therefore no anesthesia typically
- Speech changes are usually short term as the patient will become accustomed to the new contours of their teeth
- Veneers is a more conservative procedure that requires less tooth reduction than crowns and is always considered before the crown procedure
- Post-Op sensitivity is very short term if the patient notices this at all
- Change in the smile in a short period of time

### ALTERNATIVES:

- Some patients can improve the appearance of their teeth from simply bleaching and a slight amount of recontouring
- Orthodontic treatment is the best treatment for crooked teeth but requires a time commitment of 1-2 years

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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