

Your New Crown

What You Need to Know

Whether you are here for your first crown or you already have a few 'new' teeth, there is some important information you need to know.

How long will it last?

The first thing most people want to know is how long their new crown will last. You've invested a lot of money, what sort of return can you expect to get?

We would expect your crown to last at least ten years, and most likely, longer than that. We have been meticulous in the materials choice and design, the care and attention to detail in its construction and the fitting with your new crown. However, there are a number of variables involved that you can do to care for it going forward:

To foster longevity, you need to look after it and clean it as well as you can. (more about this later). The tooth under the crown can still decay, and particularly the join between the crown and the remaining tooth needs to be kept free of plaque.

Crowns with a porcelain component can break if they are knocked or if they are overstressed, much like natural teeth. It is very difficult to predict if this is going to happen, but avoiding unnecessary stresses (such as prizing of bottle tops with your teeth!) will go a long way to help avoid overstress.

A porcelain crown will not stain or change colour. However, with age, your remaining teeth will, so your crown may not continue to be a perfect colour match. If this happens, there are some ways to rectify this, and it might be worth booking another visit to talk this through at that time.

Because of the types of variables described above, we cannot offer a lifetime guarantee. However, I will replace the crown free of charge if it fails inside two years of the date it was fitted.



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Do I need to do anything special to keep my crowned tooth clean?

Yes. A toothbrush will not clean all the way around the join (margin) between the tooth and the crown. Probably the simplest way of keeping this area clean is with dental floss.

Also, toothpicks or an inter-space toothbrush may be useful.

You may also wish to consider buying a Waterpik, which offers an extremely effective method of cleaning; please ask if you want to know more.

Can I expect my crowned tooth to behave any differently from the others?

You may notice one or two things over the next few weeks:

If you have a gold crown or if there is a lot of metal in your crown, your tooth may be more sensitive to hot or cold for a while. This normally resolves with time. Some people notice that, after having a relatively soft temporary crown, the new metal or porcelain permanent crown feels very hard, and the tooth becomes lightly tender. Again, this is normally short-lived.

If you have any other questions please ask!

Otherwise, we fully expect you to enjoy many years of service from your new crown.

