

CROWNS & ONLAYS TREATMENT INFORMATION

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This leaflet provides with main points your dentist will cover.

TREATMENT PROCEDURE

Dentalhealth.org is a useful resource for patients. Our organization is not connected in any way with them. An explanation of treatment can be found at <https://www.dentalhealth.org/crowns>

MATERIAL OPTIONS

Materials used for crowns are usually either ceramics, or metal alloys or combination of the two.

Deciding on the material to use takes into account cosmetic needs of the patient and the appropriate clinical justification.

OTHER OPTIONS

Your alternative options may include no treatment, accept large filling, extraction, or referral to a specialist ie restorative dentist.

WHY DO I NEED THIS TREATMENT, THE BENEFITS AND RISKS

WHAT BENEFITS ARE THERE WITH CROWNS AND ONLAYS AND CHOICES

Crowns or onlays are recommended treatments when it is assessed that the tooth structure is prone to breakage and potentially early tooth loss can be the consequence.

RISKS OR HARM

Preparation of teeth for crowning will entail removal of sound tissue including weaker tooth structures.

As you would expect, there are times when procedure does not go to plan be it in the surgery or in the laboratory where the work is custom made for you.

It is possible that whilst undertaking treatment, the clinical reassessment of tooth may identify crowning or onlay treatment is not suitable as informed by the clinical picture.

The dentist may encounter technical problems during the procedure, and whilst it is anticipated that a couple of appointments are needed for this treatment, remake of laboratory work can prolong completion of treatment.

SUCCESS LIKELIHOOD AND FUTURE IMPLICATIONS

IS IT SUCCESSFUL?

Most crown treatments work well for majority in the longer term, however sometimes the pulp (nerve) of the tooth can cause symptoms of pain or become infected. If this happens, the tooth will need further treatment such as either root canal treatment or extraction. You are also referred to reading about the options on root canal treatment and replacing teeth.

FUTURE IMPLICATIONS

Crown treatments may eventually fail. For example, porcelain can fracture although unlikely. Also gum recession can reveal the crown margin and this may be issue if in the smile line. Please note that the colour of ceramic crowns do not change in line with natural tooth discolouration that occurs with time.