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Crowns

A crown is a custom-fit cap over an original tooth that has been damaged, cracked, decayed, or has a large cavity in efforts to prevent further cracks or damage. Crowns can be made of different materials including gold, porcelain, acrylic resin, or a combination of these materials. Porcelain has the most natural look, although it is not as strong as some of the other materials.

Steps to crowning a tooth include:

- The tooth is numbed in order to painlessly remove any decay present.
- The tooth is prepped and shaped in order to provide a snug fit for your crown.
- An impression of your teeth is made so that the lab can create a custom-fit crown. It usually takes two to three weeks to get the crown back from the lab.
- A temporary crown is made out of acrylic resin and fitted onto your tooth to fill the space in the meantime while we wait for your crown to come back from the lab.
- When we receive your crown from the lab, we remove the temporary crown and fit the custom-made crown onto the tooth.
- Slight adjustments are made if necessary.
- Once the crown is sure to fit, it is cemented into place.

Usually the process requires two to three visits over a three to four week period. Proper dental hygiene is required to maintain healthy gums, teeth, and crowns. Your crowns can last a lifetime given the proper care.

All fees are due in full at the time of service unless other financial arrangements have been made. If you are paying out-of-pocket and need to make payments for larger procedures, the final payment is due at the time the procedure is completed. Please be prepared to pay at least half of your financial responsibility at the first visit, and the remainder upon completion.

