

Porcelain veneers

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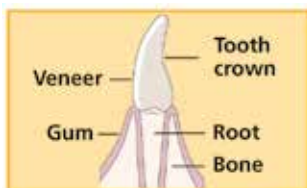
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What is a porcelain veneer?

A porcelain veneer is a thin, semi-translucent porcelain coating or shell, permanently bonded to your tooth to improve the appearance of discoloured, damaged or chipped teeth.



The veneer is bonded to the front of the tooth.

What is involved in the procedure?

A small amount of tooth structure is removed to allow enough space for the new veneer to look and feel like a natural tooth and to create a surface suitable for bonding to occur. An impression is taken of the tooth to ensure the porcelain veneer fits over the tooth perfectly and thus bonds well to the host tooth. The porcelain and the cement used in the cementing process are strong, making porcelain veneers comparable in strength to normal teeth.

We take great care to ensure the new veneer matches the look of the surrounding teeth, giving you a seamless smile.



Discoloured, misshapen or damaged teeth (left) can be effectively covered by veneers (right).

Who can have porcelain veneers?

You should have healthy gums and healthy teeth before considering getting porcelain veneers, to allow the dentist to get the best possible fit of the veneer to your gum-line and teeth.

How long does the procedure take?

Porcelain veneers can usually be completed in 2 to 3 dental visits. During the first visit the teeth are prepared and temporary veneers are placed on the teeth to protect them whilst the final porcelain veneer is being crafted. The final porcelain veneers are placed on the teeth on subsequent visits.

Does it hurt?

There is little to no pain involved in getting porcelain veneers.

How long will the porcelain veneer last?

When applied professionally and cared for with good home dental care (brushing, flossing and use of toothpaste) porcelain veneers can last for many years.

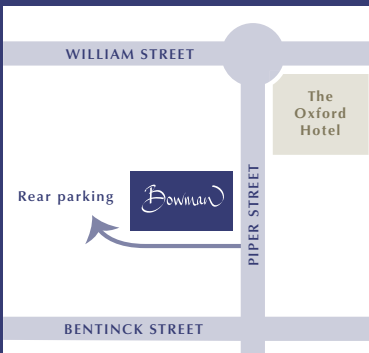


This card is designed purely as an introduction to porcelain veneers. It is not intended to replace advice from a dental professional.

If you have any questions please feel free to talk to us in person.

We also have pamphlets containing more detailed information on this subject.

Kathy & team



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