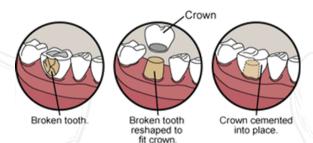


DENTAL CROWN

A dental crown is done when there has been damage to your natural tooth. Your dentist may also recommend a dental crown to prevent more damage to your natural tooth if it is weak or broken. Crowns are also used in many cases when a tooth has had a root canal. Crowns can also cover discolored or stained teeth. Sometimes crowns are used to correct a bite.

Dental Crowns



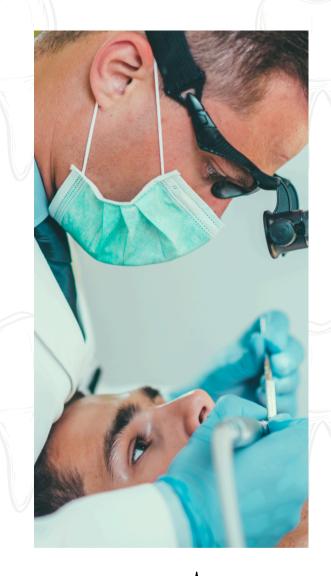
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ROOT CANAL TREATMENT

Root canal treatment is a dental procedure to take out damaged, dead, decayed, or dying pulp and germs inside of your tooth. If the germs infect the pulp in the root of your tooth, this procedure is done to ease your pain and ideally keep you from having your tooth pulled.



TIMELINE

Appointment 1: Initial Consultation

Your dentist will examine, take x-rays, and diagnose the affected tooth. The dentist will refer you to a root canal specialist (Endodontist).

Appointment 2: Root Canal Procedure

The endodontist removes the infected pulp, cleans the root canals, and places a temporary filling. You may experience some discomfort and the doctor may prescribe over the counter pain relievers.

Appointment 3: Post and Core Procedure

Within four weeks from completion of root canal treatment.

Because the inner structure of the tooth is removed, the dentist may place a post into the root and a core to build up the tooth structure. These help make the tooth strong enough to hold a crown.

Appointment 4: Crown Preparation and Impression

The dentist will shape your tooth so that the crown will fit securely. After, an impression of the tooth and the surrounding area is taken. This is used to create a custom crown that fits perfectly.

Appointment 5: Crown Placement

The dentist will fit and cement the permanent crown in place. The dentist may also take an x-ray to check the seal.

Ongoing care:

Continue regular dental check ups and maintain good oral hygiene to keep your tooth and over all dental health in top shape.