

Your dentist has recommended that some of your teeth would benefit from restoration using a dental veneer.

A dental veneer is a thin, custom-made shell of tooth-coloured material which may be made of porcelain or of a composite material. It is bonded (attached) to the front of a tooth.

Advantages

A veneer may be employed to change the colour, shape or size of the appearance of the tooth. A veneer can be used to conceal any tooth discoloration, either as a result of darkening following root canal treatment, tooth staining or the presence of large or unsightly fillings. A veneer may also be used to protect a tooth that is worn down, chipped or broken or it may be used for reasons of appearance to improve the form of a tooth that is misaligned, uneven or of an unacceptable shape. Veneers can also be used to close the gaps between teeth.



Potential Risks with Veneers

1. In the preparation of the tooth for a veneer it is likely to be necessary to remove tooth substance from the front of the tooth. This is irreversible. It is possible that the nerve in the centre of the tooth could be irritated by the procedure, resulting in the tooth becoming sensitive to heat or cold. The nerve could be more seriously damaged resulting in the tooth becoming tender, necessitating a root canal treatment.
2. Rarely, local anaesthetics may cause allergic reactions.
3. It may be difficult exactly to match the colour of existing teeth and veneers may become stained.
4. Once fitted a veneer may chip or crack and need replacement. If the treatment proves to be unsuccessful, a crown may be required.
5. Veneers may become dislodged and fall off, especially if biting into hard objects or putting pressure on the teeth.
6. If you grind your teeth, veneers are unlikely to be suitable or appropriate.
7. The veneer will fit the tooth down to the gum line and, as such, may cause the gum to be irritated or inflamed if good oral hygiene measures are not maintained.

Alternative treatment may be available, including the provision of tooth-coloured crowns and, in some circumstances it may be possible to offer orthodontic treatment to correct the alignment of misplaced teeth. Sometimes tooth whitening may be acceptable option.

Apart from for exceptional medical reasons, veneers are not available as an NHS treatment.

I understand that I should fully understand the treatment proposed and that the dentist will be happy to answer any questions that I might have.

PATIENT CONSENT

I hereby consent to the provision of veneer(s).

The technique and procedure has been explained to me by:

(name of dentist)

The dentist has explained about the nature of veneers, together with any significant risks and problems, disadvantages and alternatives and the likely outcomes if complications occur. The dentist has also explained the consequences of not having the procedure. I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions and understand that, should any changes in the treatment be required, they will be explained to me and my specific consent obtained.

I confirm that I have given correct information about my general health and up to date medical history including any medications that I may be taking at the time of the procedure.

I have informed the practice of any medication and allergies of which I am aware.

Name of Patient _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Name of Dentist _____

Signature _____

Date _____



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