

VENEERS

A veneer is a very conservative dental restoration that covers the outside or visible surface of a tooth in order to improve its appearance.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What materials are used to create veneers?

- Porcelain veneers are made in a dental laboratory and bonded to your teeth.
- Composite resin veneers are sculpted directly by your dentist and bonded to your teeth.

2. What are the benefits of veneers?

- The size, shape and color of your teeth can be customized for a beautiful smile.
- The teeth retain their strength because little to no tooth structure is removed.

3. What are the risks of veneers?

- Staining at the edges of porcelain or composite resin veneers over time.
- Darkening of composite resin veneers as they age.
- Sensitivity to hot and cold, usually temporary in nature.
- Chipping or breaking, particularly in patients with untreated bite problems.
- Color mismatches between veneers and the natural teeth as the latter darken with age.
- Gum recession exposing root surfaces which are darker than the veneers.

4. Are there any post-treatment limitations to veneers?

To reduce the risk of chipping your veneers you should avoid:

- Biting or chewing anything other than food.
- Using your teeth for abnormal activities such as opening packages or biting your nails.

5. What are the alternatives to veneers?

- Bleaching can lighten teeth, but cannot alter shape or size.
- Porcelain crowns can result in improved appearance, but more tooth removal is required.



Composite Veneer
Pre-Placement



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Post-Placement



Porcelain Veneer
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