

Consent for Veneers/Anterior Restorations

What are veneers and its benefits?

Veneers are thin wafers of porcelain that are bonded to the front surfaces of teeth. They are used to cover misshaped, misaligned or discolored teeth. As a result the esthetic appearance is altered with an attempt for an enhanced smile. Other treatments for front teeth are called anterior restorations and they may include crowns or other synthetic coverings for teeth.

What are the risks?

1. Reduction or roughening of tooth structure: In making preparation of teeth for the reception of cosmetic veneers, it may be necessary to slightly reduce or roughen the surface of the tooth to which the veneers may be bonded. This preparation will be done as conservatively as possible however it is irreversible. If the veneer covering breaks off, the uncovered tooth may become more decay susceptible.
2. Sensitivity of teeth: Although unlikely, veneered teeth may be sensitive for an extended period of time.
3. Chipping, breaking or loosening of the veneer: No matter how well done, this could occur. Many factors may contribute to this happening such as: chewing of excessively hard materials; changes in occlusal (biting) forces; traumatic blows to the mouth; breakdown of the bonding agents; and other such conditions over which the doctor has no control.
4. Recession: As time goes on, gum tissue will naturally recede. As a result, the edge or margin of the veneer may become visible and contrast with the underlying tooth.
5. Esthetics/Appearance: Every effort possible will be made to match and coordinate both the form and shade of veneers. However, there are some differences which may exist between the natural dentition and the materials which are artificial, making it impossible to have the shade and/or form perfectly match your natural dentition.
6. Longevity: It is impossible to place any specific time criteria on the length of time that veneers should last. These time periods may vary from a very short time to a very long time depending upon many conditions existing from patient to patient or upon each patient's individual habits or circumstances, which may be either internal, external or both.
7. Whitening: The porcelain used in veneers will not change color when whitening teeth with bleaching gel.

What are my alternatives?

Correcting the appearance of teeth can be accomplished by bonding composite resin over the surface (bonding), whitening, orthodontic movement, or acid treatment on surface enamel. Each of these options may or may not apply to your situation or treatment goals and should be discussed with your dentist. No treatment is also an option.

INFORMED CONSENT: I can read and write English and have been given the opportunity to ask any questions regarding the nature and purpose of the proposed treatment and have received answers to my satisfaction. I do voluntarily assume any and all possible risks, including the risk of substantial harm, which may be associated with any phase of this treatment in hopes of obtaining the desired result. The fees for these services have been explained to me and I accept them as satisfactory. By signing this form, I am freely giving my consent to authorize the doctors and staff at Cross Timbers Dental in rendering any services they deem necessary or advisable to treat my dental conditions, including the administration and/or prescribing of any anesthetic agents and/or medications.

Anesthetic: The use of local anesthetic is used for pain control during dental procedures. There are inherent risks and side effects. They include, but not limited to: swelling, bruising, soreness, elevated

blood pressure or pulse, allergic reaction, and altered sensation that may lead to self-injury. Partial or complete numbness may linger after the dental appointment. In rare cases it can last for an extended time and potentially it can be permanent.

Medications: Any medications dispensed or prescribed are the patient's responsibility to understand before taking. Medication inserts are available from our office upon request. Particular attention should be given to possible allergic reactions, drug interactions with current medications and their specific side effects.

Guarantees: The practice of dentistry is not an exact science and no procedure is 100% successful. The doctors and/or staff at Cross Timbers Dental have made no guarantees of a successful outcome.

Notifications: If a patient develops a problem it is the patient's responsibility to notify the doctors and/or staff of Cross Timbers Dental. Through this notification we will be able to act on the patient's behalf. Attempts to correct a problem may occur at our office or a referral to another health care practitioner may be warranted.

Patient's name (please print) _____

Signature of patient/legal guardian _____

Date _____