## Crowns and Bridges

Crowns are basically hollowed out caps that are made to fit over an existing tooth, placed by your dentist. A crown is used to protect and strengthen teeth that are broken, worn down, discolored, or decayed. Crown material options include ceramic, porcelain, or porcelain fused to metal.

## How Many Visits to the Dentist for Crowns?

The entire process generally takes two to three visits for crowns. A crown will be created to match your existing tooth color, shape, and size, which may take up to three weeks. Therefore, the first visit is scheduled to prepare the tooth by reshaping it to accommodate the crown, to take an impression from which to form the new dentist crown, and to fit you with a temporary crown. A second visit may be required to verify gum health and a final visit will be scheduled to replace the temporary with your crown. Dentist Crown quality and placement is largely a matter of selecting a skilled dentist for crowns, as they must be shaped to accommodate your existing bite and tooth spacing. With proper care taken by you and your dentist, crown or bridges may be a successful long-term solution you.

## What Is the Difference Between Seeing a Dentist for Bridges and Seeing a Dentist for Crowns?

A bridge is actually a combination of dentist crowns that serve to span the dental space. When a tooth is missing, the two teeth on either side are fitted by your dentist for crowns. These two dentist crowns on the teeth surrounding the empty space are then fused to a central artificial tooth (crown) which will function as a replacement for the missing tooth.

