

CROWN & BRIDGE TREATMENT CONSENT FORM

1. Introduction

I understand that the treatment of dental conditions requiring crowns and/or fixed bridgework include risks and possible failures associated with such dental treatment.

Even when care and diligence is exercised in the treatment of conditions requiring crowns and bridgework and fabrication of the same, there are no promises or guarantees of anticipated results or the length of time the crown and/or fixed bridgework will last.

I agree to assume those risks and possible failures associated with, but not limited to, the following:

2. Risks of treatment

I am signing this consent form to say that I understand and accept the following risks involved:

i). Reduction of tooth structure.

- To replace decayed or otherwise traumatized teeth, it is necessary to modify the existing tooth or teeth so that crowns (caps) and/or bridges may be placed upon them. Tooth preparation will be done as conservatively as practical, but I understand that normally at least some of my existing tooth structure will be removed.

ii). Numbness following use of anaesthesia.

- In preparation of teeth for crowns or bridges, anaesthetics are usually needed. As a result of the injection or use of anaesthesia, at times there may be swelling, jaw muscle tenderness or even a resultant numbness of the tongue, lips, teeth, jaws and/or facial tissues that is usually temporary; in very rare instances, such numbness may be permanent.

iii). Sensitivity of teeth.

- Often, after the preparation of teeth for the reception of either crowns or bridges, my teeth may exhibit mild to severe sensitivity. This sensitivity may last only for a short period of time or for a much longer period. If it is persistent, I will notify the dentist so that they can determine the cause of the sensitivity and seek to treat that condition.

iv). Crown or bridge abutment teeth may require root canal treatment.

- After being crowned or bridged, my teeth may develop a condition known as pulpitis or pulpal degeneration. My tooth or teeth may have been traumatized from an accident, deep decay, extensive preparation for the crown or bridge, or from other causes. It may be necessary to do root canal treatments on the affected teeth. If my teeth remain sensitive for long periods of time following crowning, root canal treatment may be necessary. Infrequently, the tooth or teeth may abscess or otherwise not heal, which may require root canal treatment, root surgery or possibly extraction. If this occurs, I understand further charges will apply.

v). Breakage.

- Crowns and bridges may chip or break or my teeth underneath may break. Many factors can contribute to this situation, including chewing excessively hard materials, change in biting forces, traumatic blows to the mouth, etc. Undetectable cracks may develop in



crowns from these causes, but the crowns/bridges themselves may not actually break until sometime later.

vi) Uncomfortable or strange feeling.

- Crowns and bridges are artificial and therefore feel different from natural teeth. Most patients become accustomed to this feeling over time. In limited situations, muscle soreness or tenderness of my temporomandibular joint (TMJ) — jaw joint — may persist for indeterminable periods of time, following placement of the prosthesis. I will notify the dentist if this is the case.

vii). Aesthetics or appearance.

- I have been given the opportunity to observe the appearance of crowns or bridges in place, prior to final cementation. I understand any disagreements with the appearance of the crowns or bridges must be made at this point, as once it has been cemented it may be too late to change it. A temporary crown or bridge will be placed, where possible, whilst the final crown is being fabricated by an external lab. The aesthetics are not guaranteed for this as a standard shade is used. The temporary crowns are cemented with a temporary cement and, on occasions, may debond, resulting in additional visits for recementing. If this occurs, an additional charge may apply.

viii). Longevity of crowns and bridges.

- Many variables determine how long crowns and bridges can be expected to last. Among these are some of the factors mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, including the general health of the patient, oral hygiene, regular dental checkups and diet. As a result, no guarantees can be made to me or assumed to be made to me regarding the longevity of the crowns or bridges.

3. Patient responsibilities

It is my responsibility to seek attention from the dentist should any undue or unexpected problems occur. I must diligently follow any and all instructions, including the scheduling and attending of all appointments.

4. Patient Statement

The Crown and/or Bridge procedure has been explained to me in full including the risks and complications. I have had the opportunity to ask any questions I have regarding the treatment, and have received answers to my satisfaction.

I have read and understood this consent form and I also understand the treatment process in full. I also consent to photographs of my teeth being taken and that they may be used for documentation and illustration of my treatment. I agree to have the Crown and/or Bridge treatment.