DENTAL VENEER

EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO ENHANCE, IMPROVE, OR CHANGE THE APPEARANCE OF YOUR TEETH.

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WHAT ARE VENEERS?

A veneer is a cover on the outside of your tooth which is used to improve the appearance of the teeth. Veneers are generally made from two types of materials; porcelain and composite resin and are usually only placed on the front teeth which are visible when smiling.

Veneers are most commonly used as a cosmetic treatment for people whose teeth are naturally yellow and can’t achieve a desired result from regular teeth whitening treatments. However, veneers are also an effective solution for people who have chipped or cracked a tooth and need repair to prevent further problems. Veneers are also an option for those people who have heavy staining on one or more teeth.
ARE VENEERS RIGHT FOR ME?

Dental veneers are suitable for people with teeth that are:

- Darkened or discoloured for any reason
- Chipped or worn down
- Crooked, uneven, or poorly positioned
- Widely spaced, with gaps between the teeth
- Cracked or broken
- Poorly shaped

The type of veneer you choose will be dependent on both your budget and expectations. Unlike many other cosmetic and restorative treatments, veneers are a non-surgical option meaning there is generally a smaller criterion for treatment. However, an acceptable level of general oral health is still expected before undergoing treatment.

PORCELAIN VENEERS

Porcelain veneers are the most durable and provide a longer-lasting option for patients. Porcelain veneers can last 12-25 years and will rarely require maintenance.

COMPOSITE VENEERS

Composite resin veneers are the most affordable option but require more maintenance than porcelain veneers. They generally last 4-8 years and can be prone to chipping.
VENEER APPLICATION

Veneer application can be divided into three phases; however, generally only two appointments are required.

PHASE ONE – FIRST APPOINTMENT

Step 1. Preparing the tooth in an appropriate fashion to make enough room for the porcelain veneers.

Step 2. Making impressions (using a digital scanner or impression material) of the prepared teeth, opposing teeth, and the occlusal (bite) relationships.

Step 3. Selecting a shade for the new teeth.

Step 4. Fabricating a temporary or provisional restoration that will remain in place while the veneers are being constructed.

PHASE TWO – LABORATORY STAGE

During this phase, the veneers are fabricated and polished. They are constructed using the highest quality materials to ensure a tailored fit and most effective outcome.

PHASE THREE – SECOND APPOINTMENT

Step 1. Removing the temporary or provisional veneers

Step 2. This step includes carefully bonding the veneers onto the teeth. Advances in dental porcelain and chemical bonding with tooth structure create the tightest possible relationship between the porcelain and tooth.

Step 3. A final check of the occlusal relationship.
COMPARING VENEERS TO BLEACHING

When receiving veneer treatment, you will most commonly receive a teeth whitening or bleaching treatment in order to prepare your natural teeth and make them as white as possible before deciding on a veneer shade. When whitening treatment is not applied prior to veneer treatment, a noticeable difference can be seen in the appearance of the natural teeth and the veneers.

Some patients decide to undergo whitening or bleaching prior to deciding on veneer treatment. If this doesn’t achieve the desired shade, then patients will often opt for veneer treatment.

Comparing veneers and bleaching is difficult as the two procedures although similar, offer a number of differing benefits. Where veneers act as an effective restorative solution, bleaching does not. For this reason, bleaching should be considered more as a beginning phase of your veneer treatment rather than a comparable solution.
WHAT HAPPENS TO MY TEETH AFTER VENEERS, AND WILL I EVER GET CAVITIES?

Veneered teeth are only marginally modified, meaning there is no higher incidence of decay as compared to non-veneered teeth. Dental Pearls recommends taking appropriate measures to ensure the ongoing health of your teeth. This includes regular brushing and flossing.

DO PORCELAIN VENEERS STAIN WITH THINGS LIKE TEA, COFFEE AND WINE?

Porcelain veneers should never stain; however, if your teeth have a propensity to stain you should try to avoid or minimize the behaviours that lead to staining and look after them as recommended above with normal hygiene and maintenance procedures.

ARE VENEERS MY ONLY OPTION IF I WANT A SMILE MAKEOVER?

No. Dental Pearls offers a range of treatments for improving the form and function of your smile. It is recommended you book a consultation in order to determine the most appropriate treatment option for you.

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRADITIONAL AND MINIMAL OR “NO-PREP” VENEERS?

Traditional veneers typically require the removal of tooth structure, sometimes beyond the enamel. Some porcelain veneers available today are placed completely in enamel in a minimally invasive and possibly “no preparation” way.
To provide you with the best veneer treatments possible, we ensure each end result is as natural as possible. Our state-of-the-art equipment and expertise ensures you receive the maximum potential from your smile.

At Dental Pearls, we can help you achieve the highest level of health, hygiene and cosmetic satisfaction so you can make the most of your smile both now and into the future.

If you have any concerns about the appearance or function of your smile and are considering veneers, book an appointment today!