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INFORMED CONSENT FOR TEETH NEEDING CROWNS, ONLAYS, INLAYS

Teeth generally need crowns, onlays and inlays to add strength and prevent breakage of the underlying tooth.

Why do you need a crown, onlay or inlay?

Your tooth may have any of the following problems: excessive decay, existing fracture lines, breakage, faulty existing crown, existing root canal, unsightly fillings, large existing filling, or you may have a missing tooth and be in need of a bridge.

Expectation of treatment:

Preparing a tooth for this restoration requires two visits. At the first visit, Dr. Stukalin prepares the tooth by removing any decay or faulty fillings and by removing the enamel layer of the tooth. The tooth may need a build-up to replace missing tooth structure. Often, this cannot be determined until the old crown is removed and the remaining tooth is evaluated. Impressions will be taken and a temporary crown will be fabricated to protect the tooth while the permanent restoration is being made at the lab. Another visit will be scheduled to seat your permanent crown, onlay or inlay. The restoration will be fitted and cemented at that appointment. Occasionally a restoration will be returned to the lab to make minor adjustments and will require a third appointment.

Possible Complications:

Any tooth needing a crown, onlay or inlay always holds the possibility that the pulp has been irritated by pre-existing conditions. There is a chance the tooth will subsequently need root canal therapy if these pre-existing conditions are present. This is impossible for the dentist to predict. A crown lengthening procedure may be indicated if minimal tooth structure remains after decay had been removed. Also tooth removal may be recommended if a crack is seen in the tooth during preparation.

Other possible complications are TMJ dysfunction, nerve damage and subsequent numbness, difficulty eating, sore muscles, and swallowing or aspirating the restoration. These are unusual circumstances and are rare. Additional medical and dental risks that have not been mentioned may occur.

Porcelain is made from glass and can possibly fracture. We guarantee our porcelain restorations from fracture for one (1) year, and then cost is prorated for two (2) years.

I _____ (patient's name) have been given the opportunity to ask questions about my condition and any risks, benefits and alternatives available. I certify that I have read or have had read to me the contents of this consent form and do realize the risks and limitations involved and do consent to treatment.

I give permission for my photos to be used by Dr. Stukalin for educational purposes. Please circle one: Yes / No

Signature

Date