

AMERIDENT GROUP INFORMED CONSENT

This is a general consent form that goes over the benefits and risks of the majority of services provided in our office. A more detailed consent may be required for certain procedures. By signing this form it does not mean that all of the services listed are planned for your specific treatment. It is designed to be informative and provide a general education on different dental treatments.*

CROWN-CAPS:

Benefits: Make you look nicer (cosmetic). Repairs badly broken down teeth. Prevents teeth from fracturing. Restores a broken tooth. Eliminates a space where food is being trapped. Holds a false tooth in place as a part of a bridge. Splints loose teeth together to strengthen them. Done when filling will not improve the tooth.

Possible complications: Porcelain portion of crown may fracture. Crown may come off and need to be recemented. Tooth may inflame or abscess and may require further treatment (root canal). Future decay may require a filling or new crown.

Consequences of avoiding or postponing work: Tooth will probably fracture. Tooth may need to have gum surgery or may need to be extracted. May need root canal in addition to crown. May need bridgework or denture.

Alternatives: Extractions. Temporary crown. Stainless Steel crowns.

BRIDGEWORK:

Benefits: Make you look nicer (cosmetic). Replaces missing teeth. Missing teeth are no longer removable. Some of the same advantages as crowns listed above. Can improve chewing efficiency.

Possible Complications: Same as crowns.

Consequences of avoiding or postponing work: Teeth will drift and lean over. May lose back teeth due to shifting. Periodontal problems (gum disease). Can reduce chewing efficiency.

Alternatives: Partials. Temporary partials. Leave spaces toothless.

PARTIALS (REMOVABLE BRIDGEWORK):

Benefits: Cost

Possible complications: Same as bridgework.

Alternative: Bridgework. Temporary partials. Leave spaces toothless.

ROOT CANALS:

Benefits: Eliminates infections. Relieves pain. Saves the tooth.

Possible complications: Undiagnosable root fracture can require extraction. Undiagnosable auxiliary canal can require extractions.

Consequences of avoiding or postponing work: Severe pain or infection. Extraction of tooth.

Alternatives: Extraction or bridgework.

FILLINGS:

Benefits: Eliminates decay. Relieves pain. Cover eroded/abraded area. Protect a sensitive surface.

Possible complications: Tooth may abscess from filling. Tooth may fracture from filling. Tooth will be sensitive to temperature change. Some allege filling silver is toxic. Filling may fall out.

Consequences of avoiding or postponing work: Tooth may fall out. Tooth may fracture. Decay will get larger. Tooth may eventually require root canal.

Alternatives: Temporary fillings.

BONDED FACINGS (FILLINGS):

Benefits: Esthetics (they look very nice). Coverage of crooked teeth. Closure of spaces and gaps. Cover eroded/abraded area. Coverage of discolored teeth.

Possible complications: Edges can stain in time and need refreshment at an additional fee.

Breakage can occur resulting in need for remake/redo. Difficult to remove.

Consequences of avoiding or postponing work: None (other than appearance).

Alternatives: crowns.