

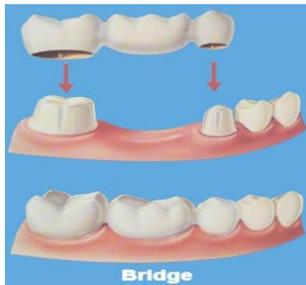
CROWNS AND BRIDGES

What are crowns?

If a tooth has been broken, or weakened by a lot of decay or a large filling, a crown can be fitted. Your dentist will match the crown's shape and colour to your other teeth so it will look natural. The crown will last for many years, depending on the health of the tooth underneath. A temporary crown is put over the tooth until the permanent crown is prepared.



What are bridges?



A bridge consists of crowns which are permanently fixed to healthy supporting teeth. It is used to replace missing teeth, restoring appearance and function. A bridge can be made of either porcelain, porcelain fused to metal, or Zirconium. When preparing a conventional bridge, the dentist needs to shape the teeth either side of the gap so that they will successfully hold the bridge. A typical bridge is illustrated below. The natural teeth either side of the space have been prepared to have crowns fitted. These crowns are permanently fused to an artificial tooth in the centre.

What are the benefits of dental bridges?

- Restore your smile
- Restore your ability to properly chew and speak
- Maintain the shape of your face
- Distribute the forces in your bite properly by replacing missing teeth
- Prevent remaining teeth from drifting out of position

What is the process for obtaining a crown or bridge?

The process of fitting crowns and bridges requires two visits. It is done of 5-7 working days. During the first session our dentist takes X-rays to assess the health of your mouth. In case of crowns the tooth receiving the crown is trimmed. In case of bridges the supporting teeth are trimmed. Preparation involves recontouring these teeth by removing a portion of enamel to allow room for a crown to be placed over them. A shade guide is used to select the correct colour of porcelain. Impressions are taken of the prepared teeth and the teeth of the opposite jaw. A temporary bridge or crown may be bonded to protect the prepared teeth (you must also avoid hard or sticky food and keep the temporary bridge or crown clean). During the second session the temporary bridge or crown is removed. The permanent crown or bridge is checked for colour and fit. If you and your dentist are happy with your crown or bridge, it is permanently fixed in place with dental bond.

How do I care for my crown or bridge?



While a crowned tooth does not require any special care, you should follow good oral hygiene practices, including brushing your teeth at least twice a day and flossing once a day - especially around the crown area where the gum meets the tooth.

Bridges are bonded in place, so they cannot be removed for cleaning. To keep the teeth healthy, the gap under a bridge must be cleaned daily using special dental floss - an ordinary

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toothbrush will not do the job. Your dentist will show you how to use floss under your bridge.

What materials are used for crowns and bridges?

Our dentists work with permanent crowns and bridges of porcelain fused to metal or porcelain fused to gold and also prepare metal-free crowns and bridges using Zirconium.

The translucent material offers remarkable aesthetic characteristics, recreating the beauty of natural teeth.

Prudent Hungary provides 3-year-guarantee on crowns and bridges.

