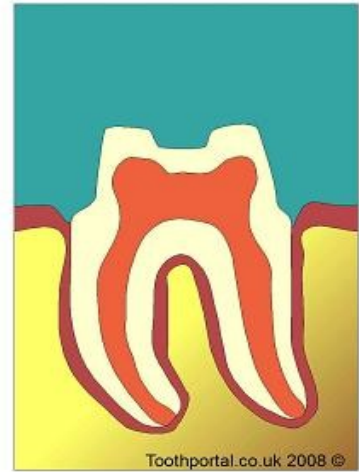


Information about crowns

Crowning a tooth is a very common treatment for adult patients.

A crown is a hollow shell fitted over the remains of the natural tooth, replacing the natural crown, hence the name. It may consist of metal, metal and ceramics or only ceramics.

Crowns are typically used on teeth where some of the toothstructure is missing and it isn't possible to repair the tooth with normal composites. A tooth may also be crowned to prevent a tooth from cracking.



If a weakened tooth isn't crowned, there is a risk that it may break in such a way as to make repair impossible leading to extraction of the tooth.

When crowning a tooth that is still vital, there is unfortunately a 10% risk of damaging the nerve inside the tooth in relation to crowning the tooth.

If this happens the tooth will require a root canal treatment.



Since we know that teeth that has had a rootcanal has an increased risk of breaking it is normal to advocate crowning them.

Crowning may also be used to arrest a problem with serious attrition of the teeth due to bruxing and/or clenching. If left untreated severe attrition may destroy the teeth and/or lead to jaw/muscle pain.

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