

COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS

White Fillings

Our practice utilizes composite restorations (bonded resin ceramics) as our usual restoration for all teeth. It is our belief that these are exceptional restorations. Since it is our philosophy to provide the best possible treatment available, we place composite fillings, whenever indicated, in all teeth to be restored with a direct restoration. When compared with amalgam (silver) restorations, composite restorations offer the following advantages:

1. Bonding to the tooth surface strengthens the remaining tooth structure, reducing the chance of fracturing the remaining tooth.
2. Preparation of the tooth requires less removal of healthy tooth structure.
3. The white coloring of the material blends with the tooth and does not discolor the surrounding tooth, providing a much more esthetic restoration.
4. It is a repairable material that will bond to itself, so it may not require entire removal of an old restoration should repair or replacement become necessary.
5. These restorations are light-cured, which allows them to gain full strength immediately after placement, thereby reducing the chances of fracture.

As you can see, composite restorations are exceptional restorations. You should be aware that some insurance companies do not cover these restorations on molar teeth and may deny or allow a lesser benefit for a composite restoration. Depending on your insurance company's plan provisions, you may be responsible for the difference between our fee and your insurance company's payment. If you wish to know whether or not the planned treatment is covered by your insurance, we will be glad to provide you with the necessary information for you to contact your insurance company. We can also request that your insurance company predetermine the services prior to rendering treatment. Please be advised that predeterminations take additional time (4-6 weeks), and delay of treatment may cause the dental condition to further deteriorate.

Thank you, once again, for your continued confidence in our office.

Signature or Patient or Guardian if a Minor

Date