

# Gold Crowns

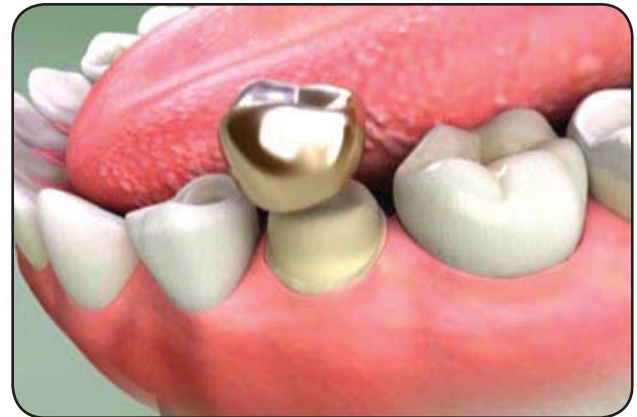
When a tooth needs a restoration, sometimes the best choice is a gold crown. A gold crown is precision-crafted in a dental laboratory, so it may take two or more appointments to restore your tooth with a gold crown.



*Gold crown placed on model*



*Temporary crown*



*Placing gold crown over prepared tooth*

## Placing a gold crown

On your first visit, we numb the area to make you comfortable. We may also use a rubber dam to protect your mouth and the back of your throat while we work.

Using the handpiece, we remove any decay and shape the tooth, so it will securely hold the crown. Next we take an impression of your teeth. The dental lab uses this impression to make an accurate model of your mouth; then they use the model to create a crown that precisely fits your tooth and bite. In the meantime, we often place a temporary crown to protect your tooth.

On your next visit, we remove the temporary crown and try in your new gold crown. We check the fit and your bite, and when everything is right, we cement the crown in place.

## The benefits of a gold crown

A gold crown has several benefits. Like all crowns, it covers and protects your tooth. But in addition, a gold crown is:

- ❖ Gentle on opposing teeth when you chew
- ❖ Very strong, so it withstands heavy biting forces
- ❖ Durable and long-lasting