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Toothworkx

Because of their strength, durability and aesthetic quality, porcelain inlays and onlays are an excellent solution for severe tooth decay. If you would like to learn if an inlay or onlay can benefit you, call our friendly team to make an appointment with one of the Toothworkx Dental Professionals.



Porcelain onlay

Inlays and Onlays



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Why Inlays and Onlays?

When it comes to treating dental decay, inlays and onlays help eliminate tooth sensitivity and potential tooth loss. Dentists use inlays and onlays because they look great, wear well and help preserve as much of the tooth structure as possible. When a dentist diagnoses an inlay or onlay, you are receiving state of the art dentistry. Advances in dental technology in the last fifteen years have enabled the discovery of durable materials that imitate the look, feel and texture of enamel, such as porcelain and resin.



Inlays, Onlays and Colour

Inlays and onlays are a perfect blend of form and function, providing an array of benefits. The foremost esthetic advantage is that inlays and onlays look like enamel and are custom made to match the color of the existing tooth structure. Due to the durability of the innovative materials used with inlays or onlays, these restorations do not become discoloured with continuous daily dental wear and tear. Standard dental fillings often times need replacement due to the damage caused by discolouration.



Customisation

A dental laboratory customises the inlay or onlay according to the impression taken from the tooth. As a result, inlays and onlays seat perfectly into the affected area. The tiny structures of an inlay or onlay resemble small, finely crafted sculptures that have a superior customized fit. These finely crafted structures offer a secondary means of repairing decay between teeth without affecting the patient's flossing area. Before the advent of these innovative restorations, a full coverage crown was the only way to treat tooth decay extending into a flossing area, meaning that the patient would lose a large portion of their existing tooth makeup.

Oral Hygiene and your Inlay or Onlay

Because of their durability and design, inlays and onlays allow you to maintain your oral hygiene at a superior level. Inlays are utilized between the teeth and are easy to clean and floss around. Large composite (or white) fillings tend to shrink over time, making them hard to keep clean. There is also a chance that the tooth or filling can fracture over time. Meanwhile, the indirect inlay or onlay method allows the restoration to fit perfectly into the tooth and ensures that the repair does not splinter, shrink or discolor over time.

Dentists are interested in increasing oral health while repairing damaged areas in the mouth.

Inlays and onlays provide an optimal means of maximising healthy tooth structures, while minimising the amount of tooth decay. Perhaps the most important factor in using an inlay or onlay is the durability of this restoration. The materials used in the laboratory allow this filling-like material to function almost as a crown. Crowns and inlays/onlays share a similar material make-up and are both considered indirect methods of remedying tooth decay. In case of damage to weaker areas of the tooth (such as the cusp), patients can benefit from an onlay restoration in order to have additional strength and support.