

Dental Terminology

Crowns

A tooth shade restoration usually covers the whole exposed (coronal) portion of a tooth. Crowns are made by a laboratory from impressions taken by a dentist. Crowns are frequently used in bridgework or to restore badly damaged teeth. Like fillings, crowns are available in many types - plastic, acrylic, gold, and porcelain in addition to stainless steel.

Endodontics

Treatment of the dental pulp including root canal therapy.

Extractions

Simple extractions and surgical extractions of the natural teeth.

Fillings

Dental restoration inserted in the teeth. Most common fillings are:

1. Amalgam - used primarily in posterior teeth.
2. Composite Resin - tooth shade restoration used in anterior teeth.

General Anesthesia

When medically necessary and administered in connection with oral surgery.

Periodontics

Treatment of diseases of gums and supporting structure of the teeth.

Prophylaxis

Professional cleaning and scaling of teeth. Benefits paid for one service performed 2 times in 12 months.

Prosthodontics

Installation of full and partial dentures (including 6-month post installation care) and fixed bridge-work.

Sealants

Mechanically and/or chemically prepared enamel surface sealed to prevent decay.

Space Maintainers

An appliance used on a child after early loss of a first tooth. It prevents teeth from drifting while maintaining sufficient space for permanent tooth to emerge.

Topical Fluoride

Treatments during which a solution of sodium fluoride is applied to the teeth to help prevent tooth decay.

X-Rays

Intra-oral Radiographs

- Posterior-antero and lateral skull and facial bone - Survey Film
- Panoramic-maxillary and mandibular - Single Film