

Veneers - The Hollywood Secret

When you think “Hollywood smile”, you probably picture perfectly straight, whitened teeth. Unfortunately, not everyone was born with such a feature. Thankfully, those of us not favored by Mother Nature now have more options to fix the imperfections of your smile. Veneers are one of the most common ways to do so. You may have seen the no prep veneer commercials on television lately that happen to have sparked attention and interest from many people. There are two types of veneers for a dentist to place; prepped or no prepped veneers. Most patients would prefer the no prepped route, but not all patients are candidates for this specific type of veneer. Once you’ve seen your dentist for your veneer consult, he/she will

tell you what they feel is the best way to go to fulfill your specific veneer needs.

Dental veneers are ultra thin shells of porcelain that bond to your natural teeth in order to change the color, shape, alignment, length, or correct spaces between the teeth – giving patients a “Hollywood smile.” When porcelain veneers were initially introduced about 30 years ago, they gave patients an easier and more conservative alternative to crowns

A traditional veneer usually requires prepping the enamel and the removal of .4 to .8 of a millimeter of enamel – approximately the thickness of a credit card. Reducing the

enamel ensures that once the veneer has been cemented, the tooth will not look or feel

the front side as in the case of a porcelain veneer.

Dental veneers created with porcelain are glass-like in nature. Porcelain is translucent and light can pass through it just like it does with tooth enamel. The effect is that the porcelain veneer generates a lustrous natural enamel-like appearance. In comparison, dental veneers created using bonding (dental composite) will not generate an enamel-like luster to the same degree. This is because dental bonding is only semi-translucent. Determining the color of the final porcelain veneer is a consensus that needs to be

made between the dentist and patient. More than likely this topic is at the top of the patient’s list of concerns. ZOOM! In-office whitening can be an option for patients prior to veneer placement. This allows patients to achieve their whitest smile. Prior to the porcelain veneers being fabricated at the lab, a shade guide will be recorded to match their new bright smile. Your Prosthodontist will be happy to guide you through this decision – and only after having a consult / exam – can make the right decision regarding the appropriateness of placing porcelain veneers.



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Abbey

Abbey, our Assistant, is the newest member to the team. Abbey graduated from Penn Manor High School and studied dental hygiene and occupational therapy at the Pennsylvania College of Technology. Abbey started working with CDG in April and absolutely loves the office atmosphere and friendship everyone shares together. Abbey is engaged and looking forward to being married in September of 2009.

Kelly

Kelly is our EFDA (Expanded Functions Dental Assistant). Kelly was born and raised in Lancaster and a graduate of Conestoga Valley High School. Kelly graduated from Harcum College last May and started working with Dr. Cantwell in June. Kelly loves working with such a close and fun team and enjoys the challenge of the variety of complex cases we see. When not at work, Kelly enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

Charlee

Charlee is our Administrative Assistant. Charlee’s organizational skills have proven to be a valuable asset to our team. Charlee graduated from Penn Manor High School and is working her way through college. She looks forward to coming to work everyday and enjoys spending time with her coworkers both in and out of the office.

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