

## **Bonding and Veneers**

### Improve your Smile

Bonding and veneers can be used to correct many cosmetic problems:

- Improve the shape of teeth
- Improve the position of teeth without braces
- Close unwanted spaces between teeth
- Whiten teeth without the use of bleaching systems

### **Bonding**

Bonding is a durable resin-composite material that is applied to the surface of your tooth. This is a very conservative technique to correct unwanted spaces or stains. Very little reduction of the tooth structure is required for this procedure. Bonding can be completed in one office visit.

Bonding materials have improved greatly and lasts 7-12+ years. Longevity depends greatly on the care by the patient, the amount of direct force, original condition of the tooth, home care, and maintenance. Bonding material is matched to your opposing teeth and resists staining well; depending on the patient's habits. Staining agents such as tobacco, red wine, dark cola, coffee and tea can affect the color. In some cases touch up may be necessary.

### **Veneering**

Veneers are made from porcelain material that is strong and durable. Porcelain veneers resemble natural looking teeth more than any other cosmetic material. Veneers resist stain more than bonding materials.

Veneering is a detailed procedure and will take at least two dental appointments because they are individually hand crafted by a dental laboratory. At the first visit the patient will explain their desired shape and color of the veneers. Then some tooth structure may need to be reduced to allow for the thickness of the porcelain. Many models, measurements, and impressions will be taken to make sure your new smile is exactly what you want. Wax up models can be made for a minimal charge to have an exact visual of what you are getting before the veneers are designed. The second appointment is when the temporary teeth will be removed that were placed at your first appointment. Then the permanent veneers will be cemented in place, permitting you are completely satisfied with the results. Same as bonding, veneers longevity can last 7-15+ years depending on care.