

A Patient's Guide To

Porcelain Veneers



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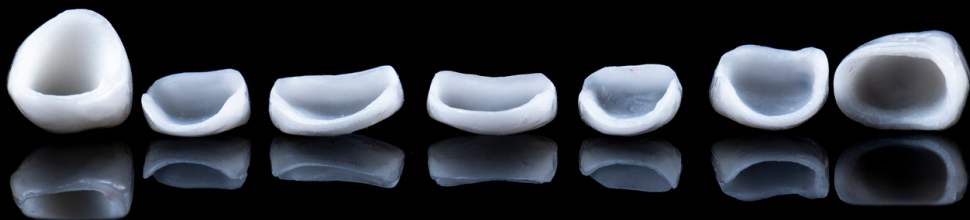
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What are veneers?

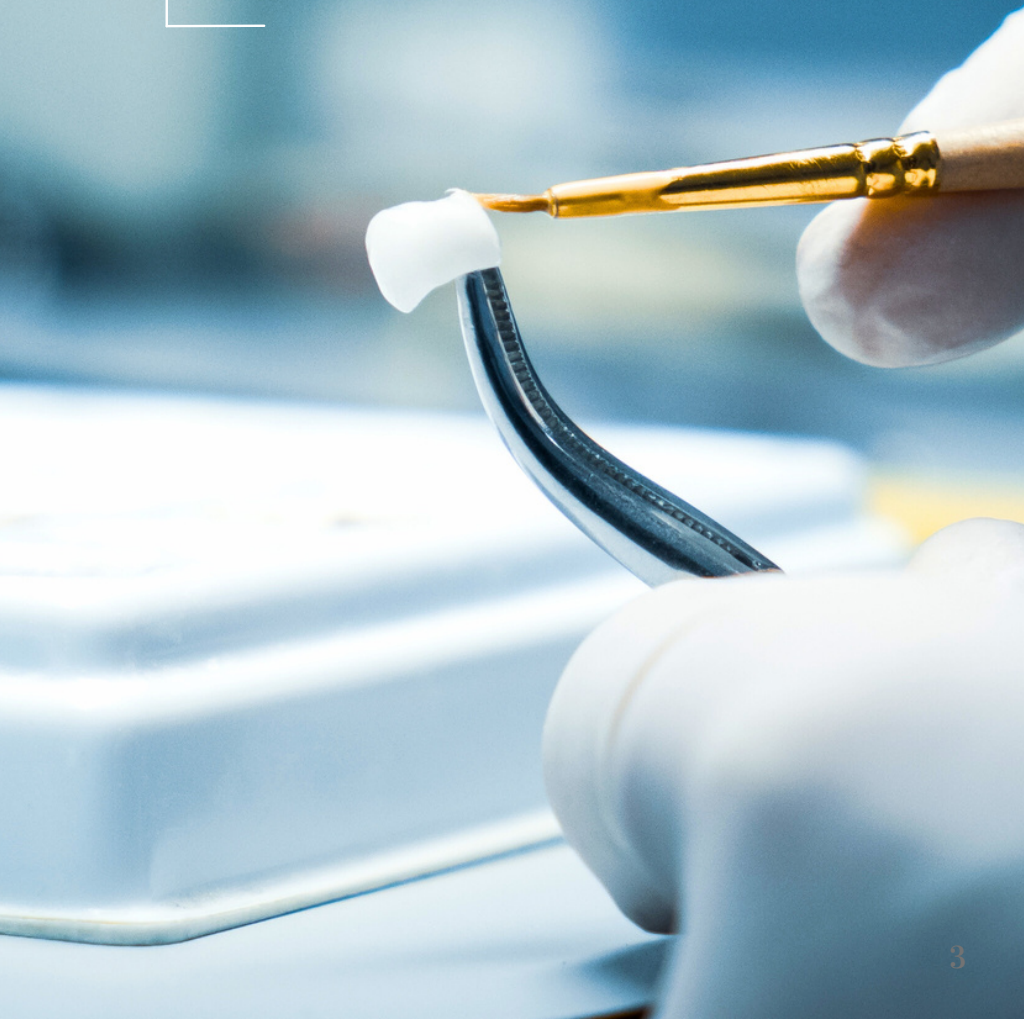




- Dental veneers are **thin shells of porcelain** that are custom designed and fitted to improve the color, shape, proportions, alignment, and overall appearance of a smile.
- Veneers have become very popular for achieving cosmetic dental needs ranging from **smile enhancements to full smile makeovers**.
- Compared to dental crowns, **veneers are less invasive** from a restorative standpoint.



What are veneers made of?

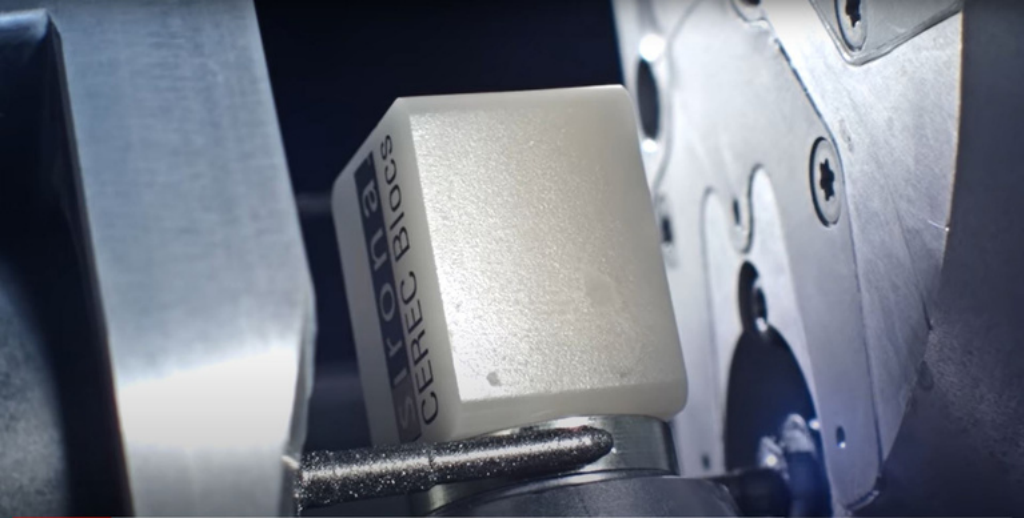


- Laminate veneers became an emerging trend in the 1990s.¹ At the time, feldspathic porcelain was the only material available - hence "**porcelain veneers**".
- Currently, most veneers are made using porcelain from the **leucite-type ceramic** family (ie. **glass-ceramics**).
- The porcelain material our office uses is **IPS e.max**, which is a glass-ceramic known for its natural aesthetics and strength.
- IPS e.max is **5x stronger** than traditional feldspathic porcelain!²



How long do veneers last?





- Veneers are **stain-resistant** and are a great method for keeping teeth white and bright long-term.
- Properly designed veneers can last many years - **typically 10 to 20 years** depending upon maintenance and upkeep.³
- Longevity is also highly dependent upon material selection, patient habits, and the skills of the doctor/technician.
- In our office, we use **CAD/CAM software and milling** equipment (below) along with digital smile designers to personalize every case.



Click image above to see our mill in action!

How do veneers look & feel?





*Actual Patient of Dr. Ryan Wallrich DMD

- The answer truly is - **like teeth!** However, there is an acclimation period (1-2 weeks) after having veneers placed.
- Veneers can improve **lip dynamic, facial flow, orofacial and smile aesthetics, golden proportions**, etc.
- There are many smile design factors that go into planning a case and understanding each and every patient's specific goals for their treatment.
- **We strive to emulate nature in form and function.**



How
much do
veneers
cost?

- The price range for veneers is highly dependent upon the location of the clinic, the quality of the materials, and the expertise of the dentist and the design technician.
- **Cost per tooth can range from \$1200 to \$2800 per tooth.**⁴
- **Our office's average cost per veneer is \$1500.** Fees can fluctuate depending upon the number of teeth involved and case complexity.
- Most smile makeovers are at least 8-10 upper teeth to be able to create fullness - filling the smile's "buccal corridor".
- If needed, many offices use **third-party financing** to simplify case fees into manageable monthly payments.

DOES INSURANCE COVER VENEERS?

- Since veneers are often an elective cosmetic procedure, insurance coverage is typically not applicable.
- To learn more about pricing in your area visit:
www.fairhealthconsumer.org



How to choose a cosmetic dentist

TIP 1



- Make sure the doctor displays casework online with **high-quality photography**. This ensures that the doctor performs this procedure regularly and allows patients to see the doctor's design aesthetic and style.

TIP 2



- Verify that the doctor is a member of **cosmetic dental organizations** - these can be memberships in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Kois Institute, or Spear Education.

TIP 3



- Check that the doctor uses **high-quality materials and modern workflows**. Our office uses a CEREC ecosystem to deliver idealized and predictable results.

CONTACT US



Click to learn more
about our office's
customized
digital smile design
process.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Wallrich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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