

Porcelain Veneers

Veneer Placement: The Birth of a Beautiful Smile

Cosmetic dentistry is transforming lives through complete smile makeovers, and porcelain veneers lead the list of aesthetic treatments as a wildly popular procedure. If you're considering porcelain veneers for a new smile, here's what you can expect:

The First Appointment

You will need to schedule an hour or two for your initial appointment, and you may want to take photos or magazine clippings to show Dr. Arima the kind of smile you prefer. After a thorough examination to assess your oral health and existing dentition, Dr. Arima will discuss with you the kind of smile you envision. Be prepared to discuss the color and shape of your ideal smile at this appointment.

Dr. Arima will take notes on the shade of your teeth, your facial features, and measurements of your face. He'll consider your skin tone and facial symmetry when designing your veneers. If you have questions about your veneers or the procedure, Dr. Arima will be happy to give comprehensive answers. You may want to ask to see his portfolio or inquire about digital imaging, which is software that manipulates a photo to predict what you will look like after your smile makeover.

Tooth Preparation

Often during the first appointment, Dr. Arima will gently buff your teeth to remove 1 to 2 mm of enamel in preparation for your new veneers. Tooth reduction will allow the veneers to lie flat, in line with surrounding teeth. Reshaping of teeth may also be required to create the look you want.

Dr. Arima will take an impression of your mouth to send to the lab. Before you leave the dental chair, temporary veneers will be placed. Your teeth may feel sensitive until the permanent veneers are placed.

Behind the Scenes

After your first appointment, Dr. Arima will order your veneers from a dental lab. A talented ceramist will handcraft the porcelain veneers from durable materials that look and function like natural dentition. The information that Dr. Arima provides the lab will ensure that you receive veneers that will create a smile that complements your appearance. The lab will ship your veneers to Dr. Arima's office.

Veneer Placement

Local anesthetic may be administered to ensure your complete comfort during veneer placement. Dr. Arima will remove the temporary veneers and check the fit of your permanent veneers. You can look at the shape, color, and fit before they are attached. If adjustments need to be made, you should tell Dr. Arima at this time. Veneers cannot be altered once in place.

If all is well, Dr. Arima will permanently bond the new veneers to the front surface of your teeth. First, he will apply a mild acidic solution to clean the surface of your teeth, and then he will bond the veneers in place. A small light will cure the bonding material. Dr. Arima will make sure that the veneers allow adequate flossing space.

Your New Smile

In as few as two dental visits, you can enjoy a completely new smile! If you're considering a smile makeover, call us for a complementary consultation. A few veneers may change your life.