

Tooth Restoration Coquitlam

An onlay or inlay restoration can be utilized on teeth with minimal to average decay or damage. Teeth that have the requisite anatomy to hold up a filling and does not need the added support of a dental crown. Inlays and onlays are made from ceramic materials, which when fused together with current teeth will closely resemble natural teeth, giving a surprisingly organic and natural look.

The only visible difference between an inlay and an onlay filling is size. Inlays can only be placed in the middle of a tooth extending from the front of the tooth to the back of it. The onlay on the other hand, does the same plus it can cover any of the broken sections; it is far more extensive and will envelop more surface area. The advantage to utilizing an indirect filling is that throughout preparation, a lesser amount of existing tooth structure will have to be extracted and the fillings are designed to fit firmly within the current structure of the tooth.

The procedure for an onlay or inlay restoration can be accomplished over three oral health visits.

Throughout the initial appointment, the affected tooth along with the region around the tooth will have to receive local freezing and in order to inhibit any materials from falling into the mouth, a rubber dam needs to be inserted. The tooth can then be appropriately examined and any worn fillings or tooth decay can be extracted and the area is carefully cleaned. When cleaned and remodeled, an impression is made for the dental workshop technician to fabricate the new inlay or onlay. Finally, the client will be given a temporary acrylic restoration to enable them to resume regular activities.

After roughly a week, the new restoration will be finished and the fitting can occur. The damaged tooth and adjoining area will need to be deadened again and a rubber dam needs to be placed. When ready, the temporary restoration can be removed and the new restoration can be bonded to the tooth. The bite will be re-evaluated and the exteriors of the tooth will be polished.

The last visit should take minimal time and only consists of inspecting the bite, the movement and ability to floss around the new filling, and to make sure all the exteriors are smooth.