

Re: Sudden chip on top front tooth

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Hello, carabelli!

You wrote on Mon, 28 Feb 2005 03:44:07 GMT:

c> "Joel M. Eichen" <joeleichen@yahoo.com> wrote in message
c> news:mep321pdd1eoovl3h7oc5e3u8e443b4ptv@4ax.com...
??>> On Sun, 27 Feb 2005 09:18:12 -0500, "dukecola" <dukecola@adelphia.net>
??>> wrote:
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??>>> Meagan, beware. I had the exact same problem, now three bondings
??>>> later the dentists have made the small chip huge. With bonding, they
??>>> grind away a part of your tooth so the bonding will attach. My first
??>>> bonding lasted 4 hrs. Back to the dentist, he ground away more.
??>>> Second bonding lasted a few months. So, try another dentist. Third
??>>> bonding lasted a few weeks. Now I have this huge "West Virginia"
??>>> looking front tooth from what started out as a small chip. So, I
??>>> dumped \$500 into this problem so far and look much worse. I'm now
??>>> considering a veneer. Anyone can shed light on this process? Do they
??>>> last?
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??>> You needed a dentist who was more conversant with current bonding
??>> procedures

c> Good point but I'm betting you weren't posting with respect to this
c> definition of conversant

c> "Able to converse knowledgeably"

c> I do not place restorations since I'm an orthodontist. But, every time
c> I am asked about placing an incisal edge composite (the biting edge of a
c> front tooth) I tell the patient and/or parent to temper their
c> expectations. It is the worst place in the world to try and place a
c> lasting composite. Think about it, what God gave them in the first
c> place didn't hold up so well either. Sometimes we forget to pave our
c> way with words.

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If that's the case, then the dentists should have been honest and told me at first that bonding may not hold up.

I wouldn't have done it. Especially if I knew the dentists were going to enlarge the small chip into a big hole, and make it bigger each time..

th best regards, dukecola. E-mail: dukecola@adelphia.net