

Re: Composite Crowns

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You could not be more wrong in the first sentence of your post. I'm sorry your tooth died, but quite honestly, it was probably destined for that end anyway. Crowns are done for two reasons: esthetics and/or function. In other words, they, like veneers, can be placed to cosmetically enhance a smile or other cosmetic issues, or they can be placed because a tooth has been weakened by current decay, or previous placement of fillings. Yes, teeth can die after being prepped for a crown, but in the case of a crown being placed due to decay or failure of a previous filling, the nerve is already compromised. Most dentists will recognize this and either perform a root canal prior to placement of the crown, or advise the patient that this is a likely problem.

As for your statement that crowns are a big money maker, my response is that 1: These are high quality restorations that, IF the patient takes care of it, will last many years, even decades. Therefore, the fee is commensurate with the service. 2: There is a lot of overhead in placement of a crown, which includes a lab fee for the lab fabricating the crown.

I would also mention that I have never seen a solicitation from an organization or person trying to get me to attend a seminar to "sell crowns." There is currently somewhat of a shortage of dentists, and I am busy enough without having to "sell" anything. I have been in practice almost 20 years, and am not naive to the fact that there are unscrupulous individuals in my profession. However, in my opinion, no profession is immune from such problems. I feel my job is to educate patients about the status of their oral health, and help them make the best decisions to either maintain good oral health, or improve it if necessary. And yes, I do lots of crowns, because that is still the best long-term solution for many of my patients. jill999999 wrote:

I understand that crowns made of composite material are available now.
I'm wondering what the professionals who post here think of the quality

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Thanks for info.

Crowns are never necessary. Dentists do them because they are big money makers. Read the book "Tooth Truth" by Frank Jertome. He discusses crowns extensively. 20% of teeth die the day they are filed

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down for a crown ,probably due the trauma caused by high speed drills. If it does'nt die that day chances are it will in several years.They also promote infection and gum recession adjacent to them.When you get dental work,preserve as much tooth structure as possible. Get an onlay or inlay instead.My dentist said i needed several crowns. I got one and that tooth died. The others are okay.

The only crowns unlikely to kill your teeth are gold ones perhaps because far less tooth structure is removed.Dentists attend seminars on how to talk patients into getting crowns. Trust dentists like you trust used car salesmen.

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