

CONSENT FORM COMPOSITE BONDING

Dr..... has explained the nature of the treatment, it's purpose, associated risks and alternative treatments to me. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions. I have been given the option of no treatment.

Proposed treatment: Composite bonding of.....

I understand that composite bonding treatment may carry risks and possible failure. I am aware composite bonding is not as strong as ceramic or porcelain veneers and so is more prone to staining, chipping and wear.

For our patients who attend our dental practice regularly, we include 12 months guarantee free of charge to replace any fractured bonding which is due to technical reasons. Beyond this period, any replacement or repair will be charged in full (price will be of composite bonding at the time of re-attendance). Where the dentist detects a history of grinding and/or clenching, a bite guard will be made for night-time wear at an *extra cost*.

Points that need your consent:

1. **Reduction or roughening of tooth structure:**

It is necessary to slightly reduce or roughen the surface of the tooth to which the material may be bonded. This preparation will be done as conservatively as possible.

2. **The sensitivity of teeth:**

This type of treatment may cause teeth to become sensitive. Should sensitivity occur and persist for any length of time the tooth may require root canal treatment.

3. **Chipping, breaking or loosening of the composite:**

No matter how well done, this could occur. Many factors may contribute to this happening such as: chewing of hard materials; changes in biting forces; traumatic blows to the mouth; break down of the bonding agents; tooth grinding and other such conditions over which the dentist has no control.

4. **Aesthetics and appearance**

Every effort possible will be made to match and coordinate both the form and shade of the bonding which will be placed in order to be cosmetically pleasing to the patient. However, there are some differences that may exist between the natural dentition and the materials which are artificial, making it impossible to have the shade and/or form perfectly match your natural dentition. Over-time with your various dietary habits, the bonding will stain but, can be polished at an *extra cost*.

5. **Longevity and maintenance:**

It is impossible to place any specific time criteria on the length of time that bonding should last for. The average discussed in literature is 3-5 years but, this means some bonding only lasts a few months where others have lasted over 5 years. This varies based on each patient's individual dental condition and circumstances, which may be either internal, external or both. Additionally, general health, good oral hygiene, regular dental check-ups, diet, bite guard use etc, can all affect longevity.

I confirm that I am happy with the colour of my current teeth and DO NOT wish for further teeth whitening treatment to go any lighter. I understand If I choose to whiten my teeth AFTER bonding the composite will NOT whiten and will need replacement at the full cost. I understand that composite bonding is irreversible, once it is attached to the tooth it is very difficult to establish the junction between the filling and the tooth. If I choose to have teeth straightening after bonding, the bonding may need to be removed and then completed again post straightening which will not be included in the cost.

SIGN DATE.....

PRINT FULL NAME.....