

DENTAL COSMETICS

Today there is less use of amalgam (silver) for fillings and more tooth colored material (composite) being used.

A cosmetic restoration is defined as "reproducing a tooth for esthetic reasons, without the use of metal". A cosmetic restoration may be any of the following:

- A porcelain [veneer](#) that is bonded to the front surface of your teeth.
- An all ceramic cap ([full crown](#)) that has no metal.
- An [inlay](#) (a tooth-colored filling)
- An [onlay](#) (a tooth-colored filling)

Crowns and [bridges](#) can sometimes alter lip support or cheek contour. Other benefits of cosmetic dentistry include:

- Brighter teeth
- Better smile
- Greater self-esteem
- Higher employment rate
- More successful personal relationships

Materials that are presently being used

- Porcelain
- Composite
- Polymer glass