



COMPOSITE BONDING

WHAT IS IT?

Composite bonding is the process of applying a material called composite resin to the teeth to make them look more aesthetic. Often referred to as 'edge bonding', it is used to perfect the smile by adding onto the edges of the teeth when teeth are relatively straight.

Composite veneers however, are placed over the whole tooth to camouflage the shape and colour of the teeth.

HOW IT WORKS?

Unlike composite fillings, composite veneers and composite bonding uses 2-4 shades of composite to achieve a natural result. There are no injections and the treatment is completely painless, reversible and offers a sometimes dramatic change in appearance.

WHEN IS IT USED?

Bonding is used over the natural teeth to perfect the edges of worn, uneven teeth. If the damage is significant veneers (or sometimes porcelain crowns) may be needed.

It is often used after orthodontic treatment to perfect the final result.

Composite veneers are placed to avoid drilling and damage to the teeth and cover underlying cosmetic concerns.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

Easy...one appointment between 1-3 hours depending on the number of teeth. One more review appointment is recommended and therefore much cheaper than porcelain.

RISKS AND CONCERNS

The composite can stain over time, especially depending on what you eat and drink and how you care for them. This is often easily polished with regular maintenance. The composite can chip, but again, easy to add to and is very forgiving as a material. It is one of the most minimally invasive treatments and can often help to protect teeth and should be the treatment of choice in most situations.