The decision to enhance your smile with porcelain veneers is a personal one. Even a subtle change in your smile can make an exceptional difference in the way you look and feel and on your social outlook. There’s no question that a beautiful smile goes a long way toward improving your self-confidence in both personal and professional circles.

Take a moment to evaluate the appearance of your teeth. If you’re not completely happy with what you see, ask us what options we can recommend for a more satisfying smile. We’ll be glad to show you how veneers or other restorative techniques fit into your total oral health program.

Even a subtle change in your smile can make a dramatic difference in the way you look and feel in your personal and professional circles.

Dental Veneers are an excellent cosmetic remedy for a variety of dental conditions that affect the appearance of the front teeth. Durable and color-stable veneers are, in many cases, the perfect way to restore the natural function and beauty of your teeth, so you can smile with confidence!
The Facts About Dental Veneers

Veneers are thin, custom-made moldings that cover the fronts of unsightly teeth. They are crafted from tooth-colored, high-tech materials, often porcelain, for a natural-looking bright smile. After the tooth is reshaped, the veneer is permanently bonded, held in place by the latest bonding resins that adhere the back of the veneer to the front of the tooth. The finished result is extremely strong and durable. Though veneers are not suitable for every patient, they are a cosmetic alternative for a variety of dental conditions affecting the front teeth, including:

• closing diastemas (spaces between the teeth)
• restoring broken or chipped teeth
• covering unsightly, stained or washed-out fillings
• whitening permanently stained or discolored teeth
• correcting uneven or crooked teeth

Advantages and Benefits of Veneers

When your smile is disfigured by decay, abrasion, chipping, breakage or imperfect development, our goal is to restore its natural beauty, so you can smile with confidence. Veneers provide an alternative to traditional crowns. Because they are custom-made, veneers are hard to distinguish from your natural teeth. They resist stains from coffee, tea, red wine and cigarette smoke because they are made of high-tech, extremely polishable materials.

There are many benefits and advantages to having veneers applied to your front teeth. These may include any or all of these:

• A minimal amount of the natural tooth must be removed during the procedure, therefore the procedure is not reversible.
• Veneers can be matched to make even dark teeth appear bright white.
• A healthy, natural look is achieved with little or no discomfort.
• Veneers are strong, durable and color-stable.

How are veneers created?

We take an impression of your mouth to make an exact replica that is sent to a dental laboratory to custom-design your veneer(s). When these are completed, your teeth are prepared. Then we use bonding resins to adhere veneers to the enamel surface of your teeth. The procedure can take as few as two appointments.

What can you expect from your veneers?

Veneers can last for years, depending on how well you take care of them. Because veneers are stronger than simple bonding, they are more resistant to stains and chipping. However, it is important to maintain regular oral hygiene, to avoid bad habits such as biting nails, chewing on bones or ice, or opening nutshells with your teeth. Visit us regularly for routine cleaning and exams. These precautions will help ensure that your veneers will last a long time and keep looking as good as new.

How are veneers different from fillings or crowns?

A composite resin filling is used when only a small amount of tooth structure needs replacing or repair. A full crown is indicated when a tooth has had root canal treatment or when a substantial amount of the entire tooth structure (enamel) has been lost. A porcelain veneer is indicated when a portion of the front surface of a tooth needs a “face lift.”