



The Shade Selection Process

Benefits of a Custom Shade

When you are having a tooth replaced with a crown, it is important that the shade matches your surrounding teeth as closely as possible.

Your dentist has determined that the color of your teeth fall outside the basic range. You have been asked to have your teeth looked at by a professional dental ceramist. This will enable the technician to achieve a more natural look and a better match to your existing teeth when fabricating your new tooth.

Please be prepared to remove any lipstick as this will interfere with the color selection.

When you arrive at the dental lab you will be seated in a room similar to your dentist office. This room has color corrected lights. The technician will use the same shade guides as your dentist to determine the proper base shade. He or she will then take notes on the variations and details between your teeth and the guides. This time may also be used to evaluate the shape, texture and sheen of your natural teeth. This process will take 5 to 15 minutes. A photograph may be taken at this appointment for lab use only.

Sometimes the end result may need a few subtle touches. If this is necessary, you will return to the lab for a custom stain. With the crown held temporarily in place, the necessary steps to achieve a natural look are added. The crown is then removed and baked in a kiln (oven) to set the shade. This process takes 30 to 60 minutes.

Referring Dentist: _____

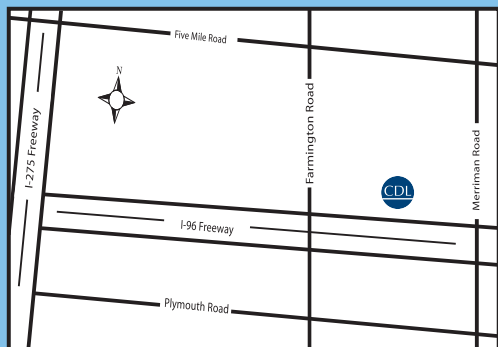
Patient Name: _____

Appointment: _____ date _____ time

Tooth/Teeth for Custom Shade: # _____

Doctor:

Please indicate any future case planning that would influence our shade selection. Please note that any tooth bleaching should be completed, and at least two weeks should pass, prior to custom shade selection. We are not responsible for bleaching occurring within this time frame.



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