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SUMMERTIME SMILE

Your teeth need routine cleaning at a dentist's office to help prevent cavities, periodontal (gum) disease and other complications. This preventative cleaning is also known as prophylaxis.

At Tao Sun DDS, we recommend each patient get a prophylaxis every six months, or more frequently if necessary. Our cleaning services include ultrasonic scaling (tartar removal) with a Cavitron machine, hand scaling with instruments, polishing with a slow-speed handpiece, and flossing. Following each thor-



ough cleaning, Dr. Sun will also examine the mouth for any problems. For patients with heavy buildup, we also offer deep cleaning.

We also recommend all of our cleaning patients get a set of six check-up X-rays once a year to aid

in catching problems such as cavities before they become bigger. All of our X-rays are digital, allowing instant diagnosis.

Tao Sun DDS now offers a \$75 new patient special on the above services (see coupon below). If you are new to our office, or are a returning patient who needs a cleaning, call us at 760-810-7297 for all appointments.

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WHAT'S INSIDE



Wedding Prep



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NEW PATIENT SPECIAL

-Full Exam-
-Full X-Rays-
-Regular Cleaning-

\$75

(a \$296 value)

Wedding Season = Smile Season

June is the most popular month to get married, and kicks off the summer wedding season. Whether you're the bride or one of many guests, a shining smile will have you looking your best in photos and beyond. The offices of Tao Sun DDS offer a variety of cosmetic improvements for your teeth.

Veneers

These porcelain coverings for your front teeth require minimal reduction of natural tooth structure to improve brightness and alignment.



Fillings

These tooth-colored fillings can fix chips, gaps and gum recession. Fillings for cosmetic reasons only are not covered by insurance.

Crowns and Bridges

Attached to the top of your teeth, crowns can improve color, shape, size and alignment. A bridge can do all of the above, plus fill gaps where teeth are missing. The cost for crowns begins in the \$700 range, and bridges start at \$2100 for our discounted cash fees. All insurance fees vary.

Bleaching

We offer two bleaching options. The ultimate is a one-hour, in-office Zoom session and custom take-home bleaching trays for \$275. If you're on the go, we also offer custom bleaching trays for \$175 each and \$40 for four tubes of Opalescence® PF 35% carbamide peroxide gel.

The Benefits of Zirconia Crowns

In dentistry, a crown is the top section of a tooth, most of which is visible above the gum-line. When decay or other problems extend beyond the limits of a filling, a man-made replacement crown is necessary for health and aesthetics. Crowns can also be used for cosmetic improvements of front teeth.

Dr. Sun will start the process of applying a crown by removing any decayed or damaged areas of the tooth. During the procedure, we'll also take multiple impressions to make accurate models of your tooth.

During the same appointment, the patient and our staff will

choose a shade for the new crown. There are many shades to choose from to match surrounding teeth.

Dr. Sun's crown of choice is made of Brux-Zir® brand solid zirconia. A full gold crown is also available should a patient want one, but Dr. Sun recommends zirconia crowns for several reasons.

The most obvious reason is that they're more aesthetically pleasing because they match natural teeth. The zirconia material is also as strong as it is beautiful – as strong or stronger than any metal alloy.

Another positive of zirconia is that it doesn't



stain the surrounding natural tooth, like a porcelain-fused-to-metal crown. In addition to these benefits, zirconia also costs less than gold.

Once a patient has chosen a shade of zirconia, or gold, Dr. Sun or an assistant will create a temporary crown to protect the tooth while a dental laboratory creates the permanent crown. The permanent crown should be ready in two weeks.

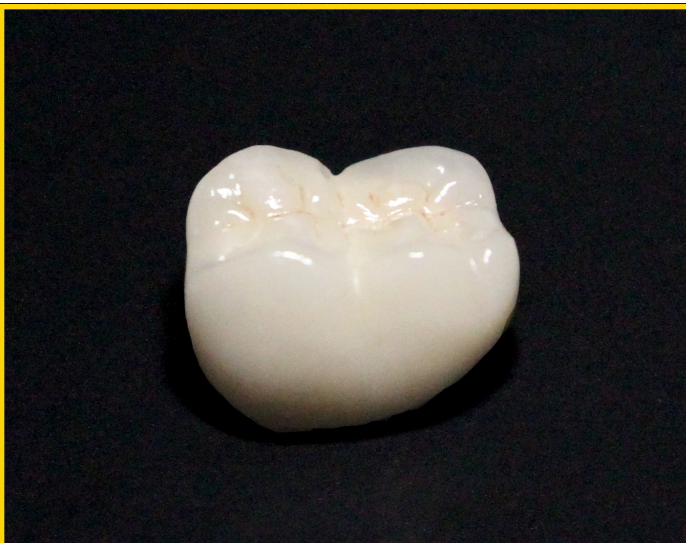
On the patient's next visit, we'll remove the temporary crown, confirm that the permanent crown fits perfectly and matches the expected shade, and

then cement it onto the tooth.

If any part of the crown is imperfect, we'll send it back to the lab for repair or replacement and schedule another appointment for about two weeks later.

All of the above also applies to bridges, which are used to fill gaps where teeth are missing. Simply put, a bridge is a crown on two teeth, with an imitation tooth in between.

If you think you need a crown or bridge, call us at (760) 810-7297 to schedule a problem-focused exam.





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In the British Isles, dentures used to be common wedding gifts because people expected to eventually lose all of their teeth. If it happens to you, Tao Sun DDS offers both partial and full dentures.