

# Beautiful restorations with Inlays and Onlays

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## What are Inlays and Onlays?

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We recommend inlays / onlays when the tooth area to be treated is too large for a filling, but too small for a crown.

Inlays and Onlays perform a similar function as a filling and a crown, essentially repairing a broken or decayed tooth and restoring the strength and function.

Inlays and Onlays use porcelain (*not the composite resin of tooth coloured fillings*) as this is a sturdier material for the larger space and gives our patients a functional long term solution.

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## How do Inlays differ from Onlays?

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Inlays fit inside of the tooth like a normal filling. With the white porcelain material you will barely know they are there.

Onlays cover over a section of the top of the tooth, known as the cusp, as well as filling the cavity. The porcelain material is tough and more resistant to wear and tear than composite resin.

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## Inlays & Onlays vs a Crown?

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As opposed to a Crown, Inlays and Onlays are:

- less invasive
- preserve more tooth structure

Which of these treatments is most suitable to you depends entirely on each individual tooth.

If there is enough strong tooth structure left

worth preserving, then we would recommend either an inlay or onlay.

However if there is a weak cusp then we would recommend an onlay. This would cover the weak cusp to prevent it from splitting off later.

If your tooth is very heavily filled or badly broken down then we would recommend a crown.



Call us on [07 3856 2144](tel:0738562144) to book your consultation and to discuss which dental solution is best for you.

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## A dentist with the latest technology in fillings

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At Alderly Dental we use CEREC, a dental technology for creating porcelain restorations including fillings, inlays, onlays, crowns and veneers in one single visit.

Find out more about [CEREC](#) or [Inlays and Onlays](#) on the Alderley Dental website.