

## Resin Veneers

### 1. What are resin veneers / resin bonding?

Resin veneering or 'resin bonding' is a cosmetic add-on process of composite resin (plastic) to the front side of teeth to correct teeth that are discolored, misaligned, chipped, or to close gaps between teeth.

### 2. What are the advantages of resin veneers / resin bonding?

- a) Little, if any of the existing tooth structure needs to be prepared. Typically the resin is added over top of the underdeveloped tooth.
- b) Resin bonding / veneers can be done in one procedure directly in our office with minimal freezing.
- c) The cost for resin veneers is less than porcelain veneers. Often there is some insurance coverage for resin bonding procedures. Lorraine, our insurance expert would be happy to do a pre-authorization for you.
- d) Resin veneering is often indicated for children and teenagers who have not completed their growth cycle and whose gums may still recede. The resin veneers can be replaced with more permanent porcelain veneers when they are young adults, or they can continue with the resin veneers until they need replacement.
- e) The resin veneers can be patched up and repaired if they chip or become discolored over time.

### 3. What are the disadvantages of resin veneers / resin bonding?

- a) Long term durability is less than porcelain veneers. Plastics can chip and the most common cause is from tooth grinding (bruxism) mostly at night when sleeping.
- b) Resin bonded restorations can pick up stain more readily than porcelain veneers or porcelain crowns. They are not quite as natural in appearance as porcelain veneers.



Resin Veneers - Before



Resin Veneers - After