

Technology is great. Sometimes you have to stop and think to really appreciate how much our lives have improved. Dental crowns(caps) are one of those amazing advances.

Dentists thought they had achieved the ultimate when they learned to bond porcelain to metal fifty years ago, and it was a huge advance. But there was always the problem of masking the metal underneath the porcelain, which was not always possible. Sometimes this meant either a dark line along the edges or a chalk-like fake white appearance in some cases.

Many systems came along claiming the same strength with better esthetics, but there were still compromises, and they were not as durable as advertised. I tried one of these about 20 years ago, and they just did not hold up as well as porcelain to metal crowns. Some systems even tried porcelain veneers over these crowns.

But now the computer-milled (CAD/CAM) crowns have arrived. They are very strong, aesthetic, and precision-fit. Because they are all-porcelain they can be fabricated to match the color and translucency of your own teeth very closely.

If you are not happy with your discolored crowns or crowns that do not match your teeth, visit your dentist. It is not as difficult to replace a crown as you might think, usually less than an hour. Dental insurance will usually pay 50% if the crown was placed more than 5 years ago.

There is now a reliable solution, and in our office it is guaranteed.