Unhappy With Your Veneers? Chipping, Bulk and Sore Gums Explained

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Description:

Veneers chipping, coming off, looking bulky or leaving red gums? Why it happens and how specialists at Collins Street Specialist Centre assess and re-treat veneers.

Details:

If your veneers chip, come off, look bulky or too white, or your gums have stayed red since they were fitted, an assessment can show whether the problem lies in the veneers, the teeth underneath, your gums or your bite. Veneers are thin coverings bonded to the front of teeth, and well-planned veneers can last many years.

What veneer problems do people come to us with?

- Veneers that chip, crack or come off
- Veneers that look bulky, too white or unnatural
- Red, swollen or bleeding gums around them
- Sensitivity or pain in the teeth beneath
- Decay at the edges
- A bite or speech that feels different

Why do veneers run into problems?

- Too much natural tooth was removed, or teeth were prepared more heavily than they needed to be (sometimes the result is really a crown rather than a veneer)
- Veneers that are too thick, leaving bulk at the gumline
- Bonding that did not seal
- A bite that puts extra force on the veneers, or grinding
- Planning that did not take the gums, lips and face into account

How do we assess your veneers?

Begin by booking a complimentary review; our practice principal, Dr Kia Pajouhesh, who is a general dentist, will look at the veneers with you. You pay nothing for that review, you are not committed to any later assessment or treatment, and you can take up the offer whenever suits you; specialist assessment, photographs, x-rays or smile analysis that you choose to go ahead with are charged, with fees explained before you book. A full assessment can include:

- examining the veneers, your gums and your bite, with x-rays of the teeth underneath
- photographs and, where it helps, a digital smile and bite analysis
- a prosthodontic assessment of what can be repaired and what needs replacing

What could re-treatment involve?

- Polishing or repairing small chips
- Re-bonding a veneer that has come off, where suitable
- Replacing single veneers instead of the whole set, where possible
- Treating gum inflammation and reshaping the gum where needed
- A night guard to protect the veneers
- Where the teeth are compromised, discussing crowns or other options

We aim to keep as much of your natural tooth as we can.

Who may be involved?

Prosthodontists Prof Vasileios Chronopoulos, Dr Fotios Angelis and Dr Jamie Foong, each with specialist registration in prosthodontics, joined by Dr Simon Hinckfuss, with specialist registration in both periodontics and prosthodontics, when your gums are involved. Check any registration on the AHPRA register.

Frequently asked questions

Can veneers I had done overseas be replaced?

Usually, yes. We first check the health of the teeth under them, because that shapes which options are open to you. Our guide to problems after dental treatment overseas explains the process.

Why have my gums been red ever since my veneers went on?

This can happen when the veneer edges sit too far under the gum or are bulky, which makes the area hard to clean. It should be assessed.

Results, recovery times and risks vary for each individual.

Arrange a veneer review

Ring (03) 9650 2726 or email theteam@collinsstreetspecialistcentre.com.au to book a complimentary review of your veneers at 220 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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