

The New Dentistry

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Advancements in dentistry are coming at an ever increasing rate. Here are some of the more recent developments that are in widespread use today.

Porcelain Fillings

For many years silver mercury amalgams and gold fillings have been the only options available to dental patients. Although these fillings function well, having a mouth full of shiny metal is not appealing to many people. Today most dentists offer porcelain or tooth colored fillings. These fillings are less likely to cause stress fractures and they are identical to a completely natural tooth. Often even dentists can't tell the difference just by looking.

Bonding

Bonding is a simple cosmetic solution to repair minor cracks, chips and worn teeth. An enamel like material is applied to the surface of the tooth and hardened with ultra violet light. The procedure is painless and can be completed in one office visit.

Veneers

Porcelain veneers (or laminates) are thin but very hard shells that are bonded to and over existing teeth. Veneers can be used to reshape teeth and often are referred to as "instant orthodontics." Teeth are not actually moved as in orthodontic treatment but are given the shape and whiteness of natural teeth. Crooked, misshapen or excessively stained teeth are all candidates for veneers. The process typically takes two office visits.

For more information on the latest advancements in cosmetic dentistry, call Dr. Milewski at (330) 725-2242 or visit www.MedinaFamilyDentistry.com.