

## V

### **Veneer**

A veneer is a thin layer of tooth coloured material, usually porcelain or acrylic resin, which is attached to the surface of a tooth by direct fusion, cementation, or mechanical retention. When used without qualification, the term now usually means a thin layer of porcelain which is bonded onto the slightly prepared front surface of a tooth to improve the appearance. The colour and shape of teeth may be dramatically improved with veneers, which have the advantage over CROWNS of requiring less reduction of the natural tooth tissue. However, not all cases where crowns are a possibility, are suitable for veneers. Your dentist will advise you on whether veneers are the treatment of choice for you.

## X

### **X-ray/Radiograph**

An x-ray or radiograph is an image produced on film following exposure of an object to x-radiation. The image produced is based upon the density and absorption of radiation of the object.