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# GENERAL DENTISTRY

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### COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE MEANS STRONG TEETH, HEALTHY GUMS AND A BEAUTIFUL SMILE!

Modern Dentistry aims to keep teeth strong against not only decay, but modern day erosion and tooth wear along with healthy gums, a good firm bite and beautiful appearance.

#### Comprehensive Dental Care will give you the confidence to smile:

- Cleaning with Hygienists
- Modern Technology
- General Dentistry with a Cosmetic Emphasis
- Health Care to alter and prevent the decay process
- Eliminate Dental Emergencies

#### Where do I start?

The first step is booking an appointment for a Comprehensive Exam. Our Dentists will be able to discuss your concerns and examine your mouth.

Brisbane Smiles uses an Advanced Health Care Model developed by Dr John Kois in Seattle, USA. Under this health care model our Dentists are able to very effectively assess, and recommend treatments to help the health of your teeth, giving you an insight into the best long-term treatment possible.

#### Our Dentists will assess four key areas:

- Gum Health
- Tooth Strength and Health
- Bite and Occlusion
- Aesthetic and Cosmetic Appearance of your teeth and smile

Following your Exam and Check-up Appointment our Dentists will recommend further treatment and detail timeframes and costs for treatment.

#### Cleaning and Gum Health:

Brisbane Smiles employs Dental Hygienists who run our Hygiene department. Our Hygienists are trained to perform tooth cleaning and Tooth Whitening Procedures. Our Hygienists will assess for gum disease and tooth decay and make Oral Hygiene Recommendations during your visits.

#### **General Dentistry Case:**

#### **Old Amalgam Fillings**



#### After Porcelain Crowns, Inlays, White Fillings



Individual Results will vary

## GENERAL DENTISTRY – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### How often should I have my teeth cleaned?

- Our Dentists and Hygienists recommend a six monthly check-up and cleaning program for most of our patients
- We find that a six monthly period is the best basis to ensure your teeth remain strong and gums remain healthy
- At times, we may recommend more frequent recall programs if we are closely monitoring any potential problem areas

#### Why do I need X-rays every two years?

- X-Rays every two years help show areas of decay or gum infection and bone loss in areas that are not visible to the eye
- Without X-Rays, these areas are often missed and more involved treatments are required such as Root Canal Treatment

#### How much will my Health Fund pay?

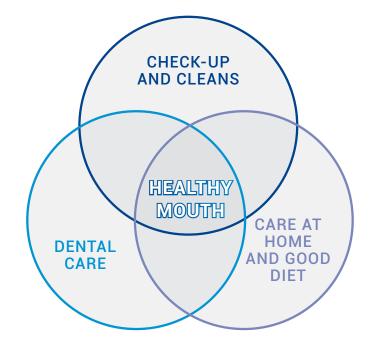
- The Health Fund industry over recent years has been geared to make less and less coverage for the majority of Dental Treatments
- When Treatment is diagnosed, our reception staff will give you full printouts of codes and costs so that you can directly check with your Health Fund and calculate the out-of-pocket difference

#### I want to remove my old Amalgam fillings?

- Old Amalgam Fillings typically last a long time! They usually fail when the tooth around them cracks or becomes sensitive or sore
- During your Check-up Appointment let our Dentists know that you would like to consider replacing your old fillings, and our Dentist will advise you if this is possible
- New White Fillings, Porcelain Onlays and Porcelain Crowns may be indicated to replace an old amalgam filling

#### Why does my tooth need a Crown?

- Crowns are used to strengthen and rebuild a tooth, so usually your Dentist will recommend a Crown when a tooth is largely damaged or needs a very large filling (which would otherwise break)
- Crowns are recommended to cover teeth which have had Root Canal Treatment and help seal the tooth permanently
- Crowns can also be used cosmetically to rebuild worn, discoloured or broken teeth





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