

## **WHAT IS A BRIDGE?**

A Bridge is a treatment option for replacing a missing tooth with the goal of filling the space, or gap, where a tooth used to be.

## **WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR A PORCELAIN BRIDGE?**

If you have lost a tooth or teeth for any reason that has resulted in a gap between your remaining teeth, you are likely a candidate for a bridge. Your other options are a dental implant, or a removable partial denture. When you schedule a consult appointment with us, we will review each of these options with you to find out which is the best treatment for you.

## **WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF A BRIDGE?**

- Bridges are a highly aesthetic option for replacing a lost tooth
- Bridges look, feel, and function like natural teeth

## **WHAT ARE THE DISADVANTAGES OF A BRIDGE?**

- The teeth on either side of the missing tooth/teeth must be prepared for a restoration
- All of the teeth in the bridge are connected, so flossing is more difficult
- If one tooth on the bridge has a problem, the whole bridge must be replaced

## **HOW LONG DO THEY LAST?**

If you care for your teeth the way we recommend, then your bridge should last a long time. The average lifetime of a bridge is 7 to 10 years. Some bridges last longer, and others do not.

## **HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?**

Because bridges are a multi-tooth restoration, they will typically cost several times more than a traditional crown fee.