

Ask The Dentists

Dear Dr. Winter, I am looking for someone to fix my smile. I worry that a basic dentist won't be able to make my smile look like a million bucks! I LOVE smiling and laughing and my bridge is 20 years old. It is discolored and the teeth have always been too square looking. I have chipped the porcelain and several dentists have tried gluing white fillings on to the chip but they only last a week or two! I live in a small town in Wisconsin and don't wish to see a dentist near me. I would love your opinion. Thank you! Ann B.

Dear Ann, I am glad you found us on your internet searches and were impressed with our work. We do help patients with complex dental work and perform everything from full mouth rehabilitation to implant reconstructions. The bridge you describe sounds like it needs to be replaced. We will look at the status of the underlying teeth, the health of your gums and discuss all the options that are available to you. Bridgework is subjected to thousands of chewing cycles and over time porcelain may chip or crack necessitating remaking the bridge. Please come in for a comprehensive examination and x-ray visit and we would be happy to discuss your particular situation. We certainly welcome anyone with old crowns, chips on their crowns or bridges or an overall lack of satisfaction with their dental work to call us and come in for a comprehensive examination appointment.

Dear Dr. Winter, I recently read your article on Bulimia on your website: www.hamptondentalassociates.com

THANK YOU for addressing such a devastating illness. I had suffered with Bulimia for 7 years and had experienced the thinning enamel, the sensitivity and pain that you described. Because of your expertise and caring attitude I had the courage to face this illness and receive the treatment you prescribed. I couldn't be happier with my smile! I do modeling and have now gotten back the confidence to smile broadly in my photo shoots. Thank you again for never judging me and offering me the best care I could hope for! Name withheld upon request. Dr. Rick: It was my privilege to be involved in your care!

Dear Dr. Winter, I went to a dentist that told me I need 12 crowns. I went to another dentist that put 5 pins in each tooth in the back and told me I just need 4 crowns. Now I



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am having pain in the teeth that have the pins and I saw another dentist and he said the last dentist put the pins in my canals! Help, what should I do and how do I know the best treatment.

Dear Jane, judging by the fact that you required so many pins and the fact that another dentist asked you to do 12 crowns you most likely have severe wear of your existing teeth, short teeth, fractures of your existing teeth or a combination of the above. Placing pins only gives us a little help holding on to a filling and crown. When people have complex problems we need to take x-rays to locate the canals, evaluate your bite and come up with a predictable solution. We invite you and our readers to call us at 414-464-9021 to schedule your visit and please see our website above for photos and testimonials!

Sincerely,

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