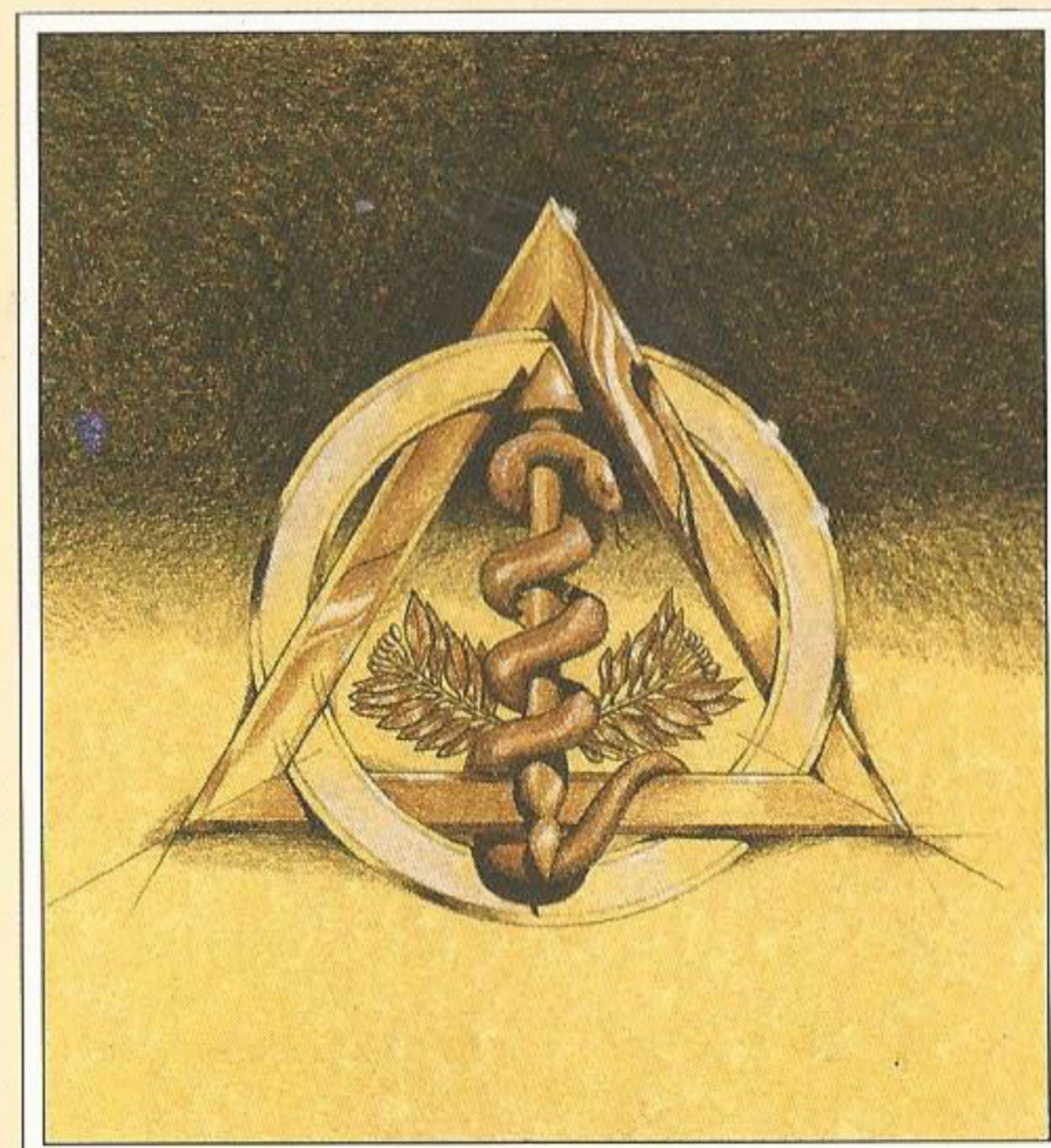


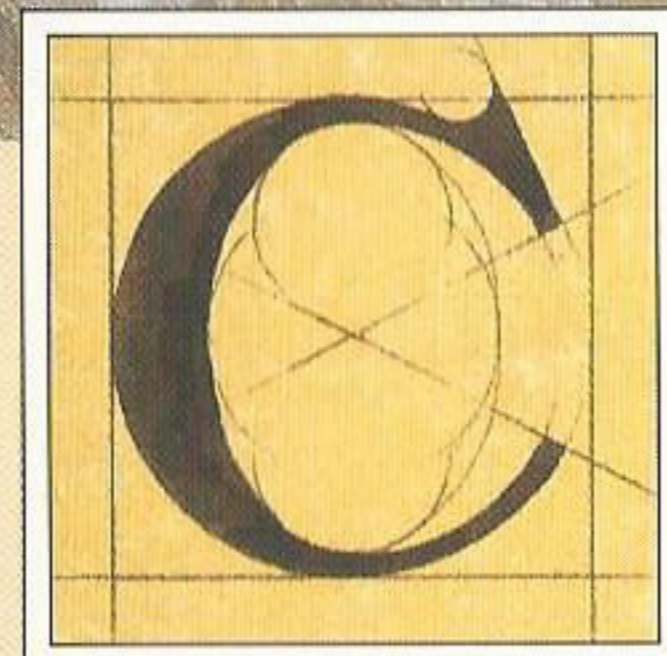
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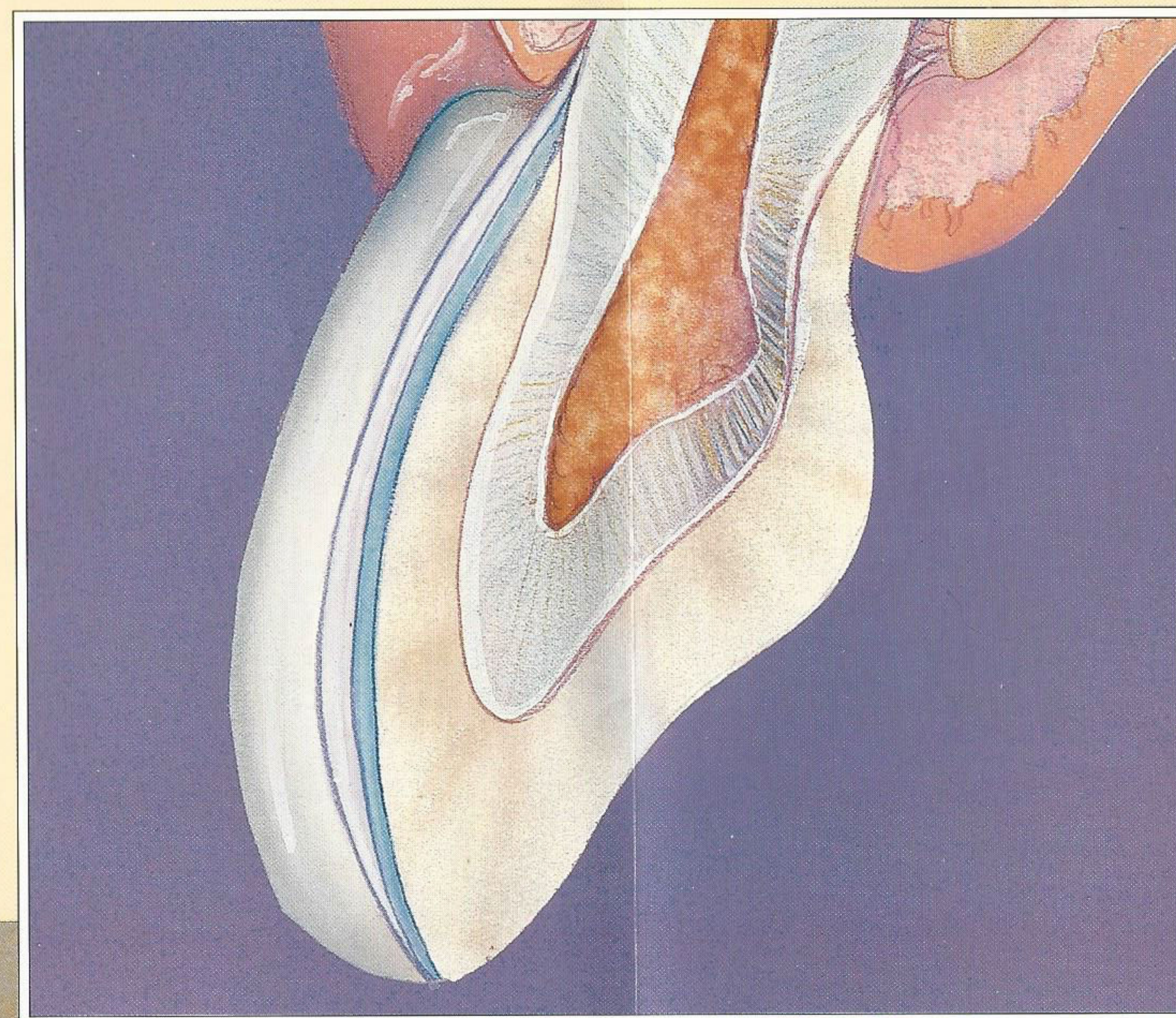
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Chances are you picked up this brochure because you're curious about porcelain veneers and how they can improve your smile. Announcing a breakthrough in cosmetic dentistry



What Are Dental Veneers?

Veneers, usually customized from porcelain, are a thin, semi-translucent "shell", permanently bonded to your teeth. While they're not suitable for every patient, **veneers are a cosmetic alternative for a variety of dental conditions** of the front teeth, including:

- **diastemas** (spaces between the teeth)
- **broken or chipped teeth**
- **unsightly, stained or washed out fillings**
- **permanently stained or discolored teeth**
- **misshapen or crooked teeth**

Advantages And Benefits Of Veneers

At one time, resin fillings or crowns were the only available treatment for these conditions. Today, a third alternative is available.

There are many benefits and advantages to having porcelain veneers placed on your front teeth.

The advantages of veneers may include all of the following considerations:

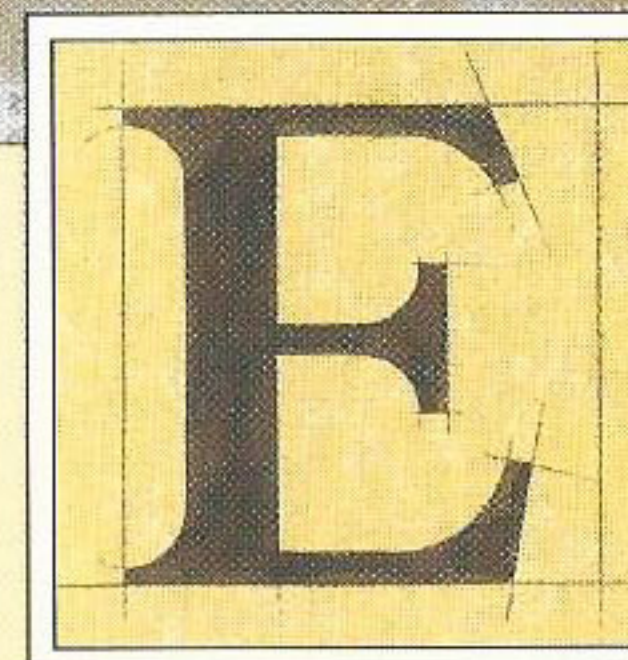
- only a small amount of tooth structure (if any) is removed during the procedure
- a healthy "natural" look is achieved with little or no discomfort

How Are Veneers Different From Fillings Or Crowns?

A **composite resin filling** may be used when only a small amount of tooth structure needs replacement. A **porcelain veneer** is indicated when a portion of the front surface of the tooth needs a "face lift." A **full crown** is indicated when a tooth has had root canal treatment, or when a substantial amount of the entire tooth structure (enamel) has been lost.

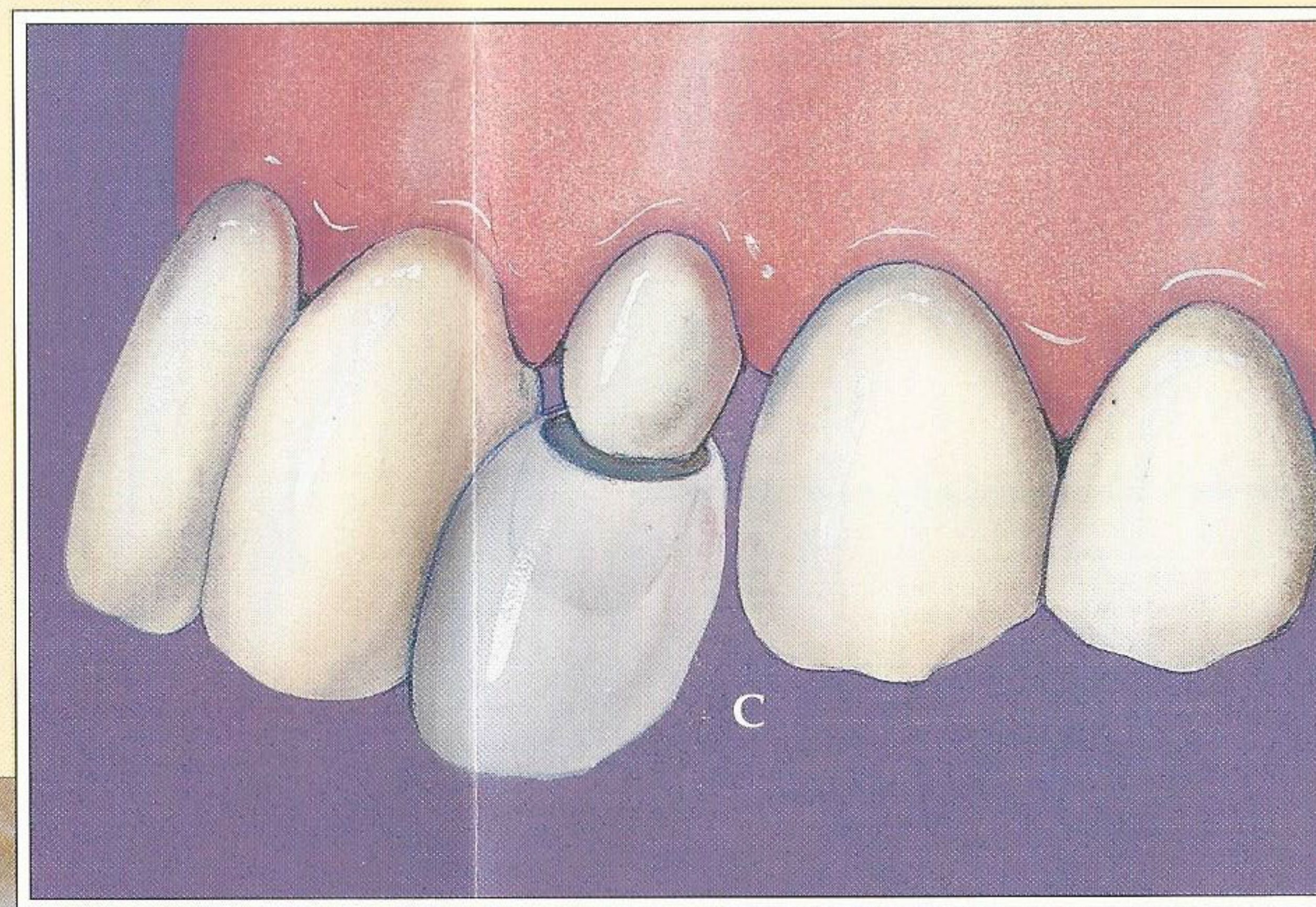
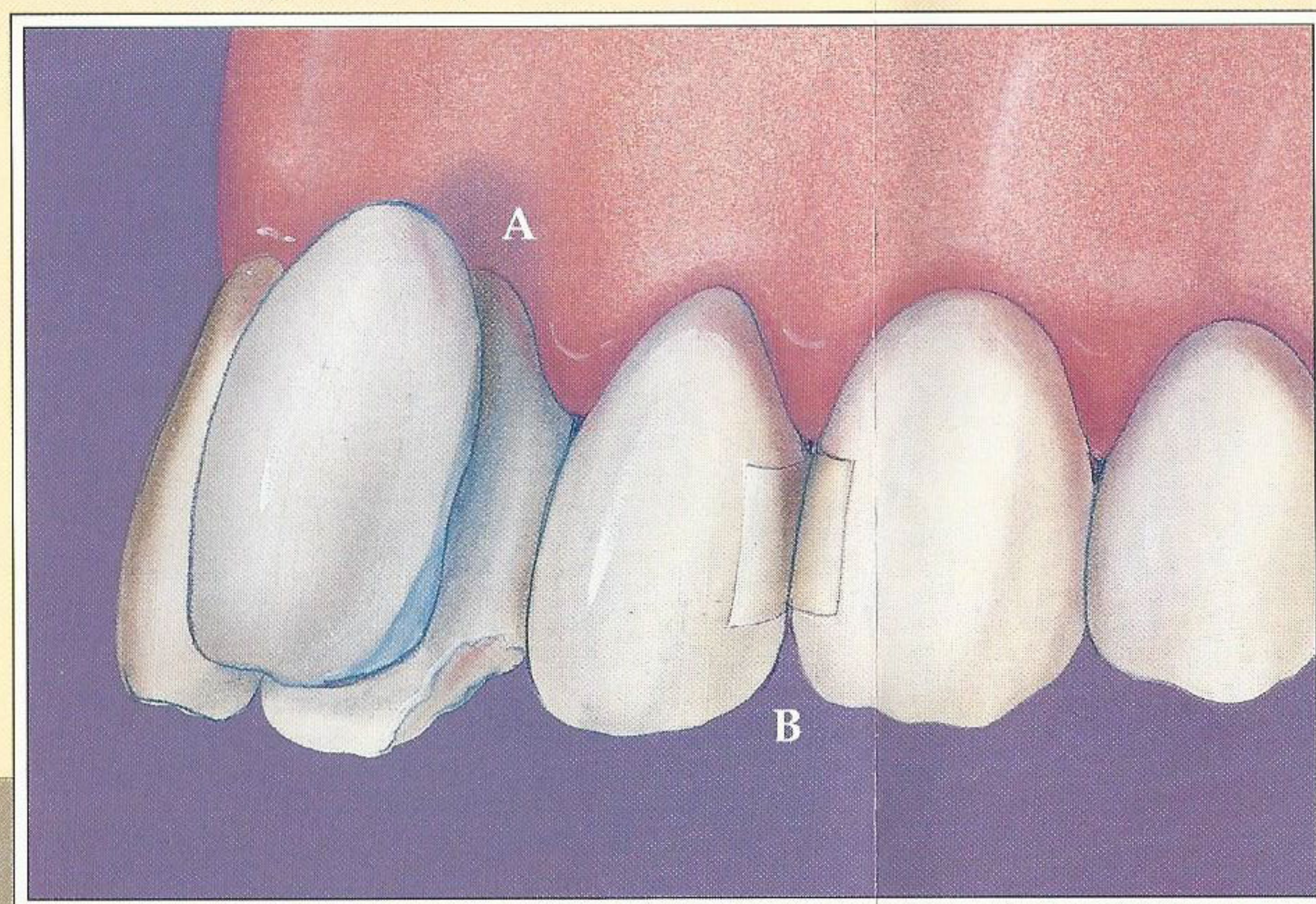
How Are Porcelain Veneers Done?

Similar to a resin bonding procedure, veneers are attached directly to the existing tooth structure. An impression will be taken to make an exact replica of your teeth. During your veneering appointment, your teeth will be etched with a mild acid solution. When the veneers are applied, a tooth-colored liquid bonding material is applied. This helps the veneers adhere to your natural teeth.



Even a subtle change in your smile can make an exceptional difference in the way you look and feel – and on your social outlook.

Cosmetic dentistry offers a variety of esthetic treatment options: **A. Veneers; B. Composite resin fillings and C. Full porcelain crowns.**



What To Expect

Veneers can last for years, depending on how well they are taken care of by the patient. Because veneers are stronger than simple bonding, they are also more resistant to stains and chipping.

Another important point is that oral habits such as nail biting, opening bobby pins and chewing on hard objects could damage your new veneers.

You must maintain regular oral hygiene at home, and visit us for routine cleanings and exams. This is to ensure that your new veneers will look as good as new.

A Final Word

The decision to enhance your smile with porcelain veneers is a very personal one. Even a subtle change in your smile can make an exceptional difference in the way you look and feel – and on your social outlook. **When you feel good, you look great.** And that helps you project an image of self-confidence and high personal esteem. If you have any further questions about porcelain veneers, please ask us. **Your smile is our business.**