

# THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CROWN AND A BRIDGE

## **A CROWN:**

Problem: One tooth badly broken.



Solution: General dentist reshapes broken tooth to half the original size then bonds on a porcelain "jacket", created at the lab, which restores the shape of the broken tooth to normal size.



Problems: 1) Over time the color of other teeth change but the jacket remains the same. 2) A good match to the other teeth is rarely obtained. 3) The general dentist sometimes makes the tooth too thick. 4) The gumline may shrink away from the tooth. 5) A dark line appears where the gumline meets the jacket.

Approximate Cost: \$850-\$1200

## **A BRIDGE:**

Problem: A tooth needs to be removed leaving an empty space.



Solution: The general dentist reshapes the teeth on either side of the space to half their original size.



Procedure: The bridge is produced at the lab and the dentist bonds it onto the two teeth on either side of the space, thereby filling in the missing tooth.



("A 3 unit bridge")

Problems: Same as a crown.

Approximate Cost: \$2400-\$3200