

Informed Consent for Post and Cores

Post and cores are usually made for teeth that show in the smile. Most patients are concerned about how their smile looks so this informed consent has been prepared to better educate our patients about possible problems related to this procedure.

The fee for your post and core only covers the costs of making and cementing your post and core. There are additional costs for other related services. A tooth that has a post and core usually needs a crown. It is almost always the best thing to have this crown made as soon as possible. A temporary crown is made at no additional charge when a patient pays in full for the final crown before the post and core is cemented.

There is an **additional charge for a temporary crown** when a patient chooses to delay having the final crown made. The policy of the Atlanta Dental Group PC is to **credit half of the temporary crown fee towards the final crown fee when the final crown is made at our office within six (6) months after the post and core preparation appointment.**

If the crown is constructed at another dental office, or if it is done after six months of the post and core preparation appointment, none of the temporary crown fee is applied to the costs of the new crown. There is no refund of the temporary crown cost after a temporary crown is made.

The custom **cast post and core** is a special type of dental restoration used to restore a badly broken down tooth after a root canal has been finished. It involves two dental visits to complete since it's made in a dental laboratory. The first visit makes the mold and the second visit is used to cement the final cast post and core. It takes a lot of time to make this custom restoration and if you miss your second appointment, there's a great deal of time lost. It is strongly suggested that you make your second visit in **two to three days** after the mold is made. The **fiber post** is sometimes an alternative to a cast post and core. The fiber post is cemented the day of preparation and only takes one appointment. However, it can not be used in all situations.

This informed consent has been prepared to help our patients better understand their treatment and costs. By signing this consent, you acknowledge the additional costs involved in making your post and agree to pay for related services that you choose to have performed. Specifically, you understand that the cost of a temporary crown is not part of the post cost and that temporary crown construction is optional.

Patient Signature:

Date:

Staff Signature: