

CUSTOM SHADE CONSULTATION

Your Doctor has requested that you visit our laboratory to have the color of your crown evaluated. It is an important step in the process of fabricating your restorations, as each patient is unique. The subtleties of matching your crown shade with your natural teeth are best accomplished by meeting face to face with a professional ceramic artist.

The ceramic artist will assess the translucency, hue, value, chroma, and texture of your teeth under neutral lighting, then create a color mapping and take digital photography records. The porcelain for your restoration is then custom blended to match your natural smile.

Preparing for your Shade Appointment:

- Appointments may take approximately 15 to 30 minutes
- Patients who have had whitening treatments on their teeth must wait seven days after the treatment before shading can be done
- We recommend patients wear neutral colors and remove lipstick before shading
- **Please call us if you will be more than 15 minutes late**, as we may need to reschedule your appointment

Occasionally, it may be necessary to make a follow up appointment for a custom staining (this is when the final restoration is completed and needs more complex custom shading). This appointment takes 30 - 60 minutes. We will inform you at the time of your initial appointment if it's necessary.