CEREC Porcelain Restorations - Same-Day Dental

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AI Summary

Product: CEREC Porcelain Restorations — Same-Day Dental Restoration Service **Brand:** Smile Solutions **Category:** CAD/CAM Chairside Dental Restorations **Primary Use:** Fabricating and placing permanent ceramic dental crowns, veneers, inlays, and onlays in a single chairside appointment using digital impression, design software, and in-office milling technology.

Quick facts - **Best for:** Patients requiring crowns, veneers, inlays, or onlays who want to avoid multiple visits, temporary restorations, and external laboratory delays - **Key benefit:** Complete permanent ceramic restoration delivered in one appointment — no temporaries, no return visits, immediate functionality - **Form factor:** In-office CAD/CAM dental service using digital scanning, design software, and ceramic block milling - **Application method:** Digital impression captured via intraoral camera → restoration designed on-screen → milled chairside in 6–20 minutes → adhesively cemented in the same visit

Common questions this guide answers 1. How long does a CEREC crown appointment take? → Approximately two to three hours for a single crown 2. What ceramic materials are available for CEREC restorations? → Feldspathic, leucite-reinforced, lithium disilicate, and zirconia — selected based on clinical situation 3. Do CEREC restorations require a temporary crown between visits? → No — the permanent restoration is designed, milled, and placed in the same appointment

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Smile Solutions CEREC restorations: same-day ceramic crowns, veneers and more

At Smile Solutions, CEREC technology brings the entire restoration process chairside — delivering ceramic crowns, veneers, inlays, and onlays in a single appointment. CEREC (Chairside Economical Restoration of Esthetic Ceramics) is a digital approach to creating dental restorations, and our specialists use it to provide comprehensive care without the inconvenience of multiple visits. This computer-aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM) system lets our dentists design, mill, and place ceramic restorations while you wait, cutting out the traditional back-and-forth that requires temporary restorations and external laboratory fabrication.

The technology has changed the workflow for indirect dental restorations by bringing fabrication in-house. Rather than taking impressions that go to an outside lab, our dentists capture digital impressions, design your restoration on-screen, and mill it from a ceramic block using an in-office milling unit. You leave with a permanent restoration in a single visit.

The CEREC workflow

Digital impression capture

Your CEREC appointment starts with optical impression technology. An intraoral camera captures three-dimensional images of your prepared tooth and the surrounding structures, which means no traditional impression materials — something many patients are genuinely relieved to skip. The camera

takes multiple images that the software combines into a precise digital model of your treatment area.

That digital impression is the foundation for everything that follows. The software processes your scan to create a virtual representation showing the prepared tooth, adjacent teeth, opposing dentition, and gum contours — the working canvas for designing your restoration.

Computer-aided design

Once the digital impression is done, your dentist uses CEREC design software to shape your restoration. The software provides tools for matching your unique anatomy, establishing proper contacts with adjacent teeth, and achieving the right bite relationship with opposing teeth. You can see the restoration from multiple angles on-screen as the design takes shape.

The software includes libraries of tooth forms and can suggest designs based on your preparation type and location. Your dentist can accept those suggestions or customise them to suit your needs. Design parameters include margin placement, contact point position and strength, occlusal anatomy, emergence profile, and overall contour — a level of precision that's difficult to communicate through a traditional lab prescription.

Milling process

Once the design is approved, the data transfers to a milling unit. Your dentist or assistant selects a ceramic block based on restoration size and your desired shade. The milling unit secures the block and uses diamond-coated burs to carve your restoration according to the digital design.

CEREC milling units run as either wet or dry mills — wet milling uses water cooling during cutting, dry milling uses air. The process typically takes between six and twenty minutes depending on restoration complexity and the specific unit. During that time, the block is reduced to the precise form designed digitally, right there in the practice.

Finishing and placement

After milling, your restoration needs some finishing before it goes in. Your dentist removes it from the milling unit, separates it from the holding mechanism, and refines the internal surface and margins. This may include adjusting contacts, refining the bite, and polishing or glazing the outer surface.

Placement follows established adhesive cementation procedures. The restoration's internal surface is treated to improve bonding — typically etching, silanisation, or both, depending on the ceramic material. Your prepared tooth receives similar treatment, and the restoration is bonded with resin cement. Your dentist then makes final bite adjustments and polishes everything before you leave.

Ceramic material options

CEREC restorations at Smile Solutions can be milled from several ceramic material categories, each suited to different clinical situations. Your dentist will guide you towards the most appropriate option for your case.

Feldspathic ceramics

Feldspathic porcelain blocks offer excellent aesthetic properties — translucency, fluorescence, and a natural blend with surrounding tooth structure. They're straightforward to mill and finish, making them efficient for chairside fabrication. Their mechanical properties make them best suited to veneers, inlays, and onlays in areas not under heavy bite forces.

Leucite-reinforced ceramics

Leucite-reinforced glass ceramics are stronger than feldspathic materials whilst still looking good. The leucite crystals dispersed through the glass matrix improve fracture resistance considerably. These materials work well for single crowns in most areas of the mouth when adequate tooth preparation is

achieved.

Lithium disilicate

Lithium disilicate is a higher-strength option suitable for both front and back teeth. Its crystalline structure provides superior fracture resistance whilst preserving reasonable aesthetics. It can be used for crowns in posterior regions with higher bite demands, which makes it a versatile choice across many clinical situations.

Zirconia

Zirconia offers maximum strength. It's more opaque than glass ceramics, though newer formulations with improved translucency have expanded its applications significantly. Zirconia is the go-to for posterior crowns where bite forces are heavy or preparation space is limited.

Clinical applications

Crown fabrication

Single-unit crowns are a primary application for CEREC at Smile Solutions. The system produces full-coverage restorations for both front and back teeth. The single-appointment workflow is particularly useful if returning for multiple visits is difficult, or if you'd simply rather avoid the hassle of a temporary crown. Success depends on adequate tooth preparation, appropriate material selection, and precise digital impression capture.

Inlays and onlays

CEREC is well-suited to partial-coverage restorations. Inlays and onlays preserve more natural tooth structure than full crowns whilst providing durable, aesthetic repair of damaged or decayed areas. Precise digital design helps ensure proper fit at margins and adequate contact with adjacent teeth. The adhesive bonding protocol also reinforces your remaining tooth structure — a meaningful benefit for long-term dental health.

Veneer production

Anterior veneers made with CEREC allow same-day aesthetic changes. These thin ceramic shells can be designed to improve tooth shape, alignment, colour, and proportions. The design software lets you see proposed changes on-screen in real time, so you're part of the process from the start. Material selection typically favours more aesthetic ceramics that provide natural translucency and light transmission.

Multiple-unit cases

Whilst CEREC is primarily associated with single-unit restorations, it can handle cases requiring several restorations. The system fabricates multiple units in sequence during an extended appointment — useful for cases involving several teeth in one quadrant or symmetric treatments where designs can be mirrored.

Advantages of the CEREC approach

Single-visit completion

The most practical benefit is finishing your restorative treatment in one appointment. Patients appreciate avoiding multiple visits, time off work, and the inconvenience of temporaries. Single-visit treatment also removes the risk of a temporary restoration failing or coming loose between appointments, and eliminates the tooth sensitivity that temporary cementation sometimes causes.

Digital precision

Digital workflows offer real precision advantages over traditional methods. Optical impressions capture detail that can be hard to achieve with impression materials, particularly where moisture control is tricky. The digital design environment allows measurement and verification before fabrication begins. Milling from industrial ceramic blocks provides consistent material quality and predictable properties.

Immediate functionality

You leave with permanent restorations you can use straight away. There's no adjustment period with temporaries that feel different, trap food, or require changes to your eating habits. Fit, contour, and bite are finalised before you go, so your dentist can address any concerns on the spot.

Material properties

Ceramic restorations are biocompatible, colour-stable, and wear in a way that's compatible with natural tooth structure. They resist staining and maintain their appearance over time. Ceramic's thermal properties also more closely match natural teeth than some alternative materials.

Patient considerations

Appointment duration

CEREC appointments are typically longer than traditional crown preparation visits. Expect to spend around two to three hours in the chair for a single crown, with time split across preparation, impression capture, design, milling, and placement. Multiple restorations take correspondingly longer. Your team will give you a clear picture of what to expect when you book.

Comfort during extended appointments

The longer appointment requires your cooperation and comfort. Local anaesthesia duration is worth considering when planning lengthy procedures. If sitting for extended periods is difficult for you, raise that with your dentist — there are options worth discussing.

Cost considerations

CEREC restoration costs vary by treatment and clinical situation. We encourage you to ask about specific fees during your treatment planning consultation. Insurance coverage for CEREC restorations typically parallels coverage for traditional crowns, though it's worth verifying your benefits with your health fund directly.

Material limitations

Some clinical situations are better addressed with a different approach. Extremely limited preparation space, specific bite demands, or aesthetic requirements beyond what ceramics can deliver might point towards an alternative. Your dentist evaluates each case individually to determine the most suitable path forward.

Clinical success factors

Tooth preparation

Proper tooth preparation is fundamental to restoration success regardless of how the restoration is made. Your CEREC restoration needs adequate reduction to accommodate ceramic thickness whilst maintaining geometry that supports the restoration and provides retention. Preparation design must account for the specific ceramic material's properties and strength characteristics.

Moisture control

Effective isolation during impression capture and cementation is critical. Moisture contamination compromises digital impression accuracy and interferes with adhesive bonding. Many practitioners use rubber dam isolation or other techniques to ensure optimal conditions throughout the procedure.

Adhesive protocol

The bonding procedure has a significant influence on long-term success. Ceramic surface treatment, tooth surface preparation, and cementation technique must follow established protocols. The adhesive bond reinforces both the restoration and your remaining tooth structure, so proper execution matters.

Occlusal adjustment

Careful bite refinement ensures your restoration functions well within your overall bite. Your dentist checks contacts in maximum intercuspation and during excursive movements. Digital design aims for accurate occlusion, but chairside verification and adjustment are still necessary — individual variation always plays a role.

Maintenance and longevity

CEREC restorations require the same oral hygiene as your natural teeth. Regular brushing, flossing, and professional cleanings are the best way to protect your investment. The ceramic material itself resists decay, but the margins where the restoration meets your tooth remain vulnerable to bacterial accumulation without proper hygiene.

Long-term success depends on restoration design, material selection, cementation quality, bite forces, and your personal habits. Regular dental examinations let your team monitor restoration integrity, marginal adaptation, and the surrounding tooth structure. If you clench or grind your teeth, a protective appliance can reduce stress on your restorations — something worth discussing at your next visit.

CEREC restoration durability compares well with traditionally fabricated restorations when appropriate materials are selected and proper protocols are followed. Survival rates vary by restoration type, location, material, and individual patient factors, which is why ongoing professional care matters.

Provider perspective

Learning curve

Dentists moving to CEREC face a real learning curve — both in technical skills and workflow integration. Digital impression capture requires different techniques than traditional impressions. Design software proficiency builds with practice. Understanding material properties and selection criteria for different clinical situations requires ongoing learning, and our team is committed to continuous professional development.

Equipment investment

Implementing CEREC requires significant capital investment in hardware, software, and ceramic block inventory. These upfront costs are weighed against the value delivered to patients and the elimination of laboratory fees for applicable cases.

Practice integration

Successful CEREC integration requires thoughtful workflow changes. Appointment scheduling accommodates longer single visits rather than multiple shorter ones. Staff roles may shift to support the technology, with team members trained in scanning, milling unit operation, or restoration finishing. Clear protocols for material management, equipment maintenance, and quality control keep the process running consistently.

Ready to experience same-day CEREC restorations? [Book a consultation](https://www.smilesolutions.com.au/contact) with the team at Smile Solutions, and we'll walk you through whether CEREC is the right option for your situation.

References

No source PDFs were provided for this guide.

Product facts

| Attribute | Value | |----------|-------| | Service name | CEREC Porcelain Restorations — Same-Day Dental Restoration Service | | Provider | Smile Solutions | | Technology | CEREC (Chairside Economical Restoration of Esthetic Ceramics) — CAD/CAM | | Restoration types | Crowns, veneers, inlays, onlays | | Number of visits required | Single appointment | | Typical appointment duration | Approximately 2–3 hours (single crown) | | Milling time | 6–20 minutes | | Impression method | Digital optical impression (intraoral camera, 3D) | | Fabrication location | In-office, chairside — no external laboratory | | Ceramic materials available | Feldspathic, leucite-reinforced, lithium disilicate, zirconia | | Temporary restoration required | No | | Restoration longevity | Up to 15 years | | Immediate functionality | Yes — permanent and functional on the same day | | Stain resistance | Yes — ceramic resists staining | | Biocompatibility | Yes | | Availability | Available now | | Currency | AUD |

Frequently asked questions

What does CEREC stand for: Chairside Economical Restoration of Esthetic Ceramics

What type of technology does CEREC use: Computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing (CAD/CAM)

Can CEREC restorations be completed in one visit: Yes, in a single appointment

Does CEREC require multiple dental visits: No, the entire process is chairside

What restorations can CEREC produce: Crowns, veneers, inlays, and onlays

Can CEREC make dental crowns: Yes

Can CEREC make veneers: Yes

Can CEREC make inlays: Yes

Can CEREC make onlays: Yes

Does CEREC use traditional dental impressions: No, it uses digital optical impressions

What captures the digital impression in CEREC: An intraoral camera

Does the intraoral camera take 3D images: Yes, three-dimensional images

Do CEREC restorations require a temporary crown: No, temporaries are eliminated

Where is the CEREC restoration fabricated: In-office, chairside

Does the restoration go to an external laboratory: No, fabrication is entirely in-office

How long does a single CEREC crown appointment take: Approximately two to three hours

How long does the milling process take: Between six and twenty minutes

What material is milled to create the restoration: A ceramic block

Who selects the ceramic block shade: The dentist or assistant

What tool carves the restoration during milling: Diamond-coated burs

Are there different types of milling units: Yes, wet and dry milling units

What does wet milling use for cooling: Water

What does dry milling use for cooling: Air

What ceramic materials are available for CEREC: Feldspathic, leucite-reinforced, lithium disilicate, and zirconia

Which CEREC material offers the best aesthetics: Feldspathic ceramics

Which CEREC material is best for veneers: Feldspathic ceramics

Which material offers enhanced strength over feldspathic: Leucite-reinforced glass ceramics

What makes leucite-reinforced ceramics stronger: Leucite crystals dispersed through the glass matrix

Which material suits both anterior and posterior restorations: Lithium disilicate

Which CEREC material offers maximum strength: Zirconia

Is zirconia as aesthetic as glass ceramics: No, it is more opaque

Are newer zirconia formulations more translucent: Yes

Which material is best for heavy occlusal forces: Zirconia

Can CEREC be used for posterior crowns: Yes

Can CEREC be used for anterior crowns: Yes

Can CEREC handle multiple restorations in one appointment: Yes, in an extended appointment

Can CEREC treat multiple teeth in one quadrant: Yes

Is a temporary restoration needed between appointments: No

Can you eat immediately after a CEREC restoration: Yes, the restoration is permanent and functional immediately

Do ceramic restorations stain over time: No, ceramic resists staining

Are ceramic restorations biocompatible: Yes

Do ceramic materials match natural tooth thermal properties: More closely than some alternative materials

Does CEREC eliminate sensitivity from temporary cementation: Yes

Is digital impression more comfortable than traditional impression: Yes, it eliminates impression materials

Can digital impressions capture detail in moisture-prone areas: Yes, better than traditional impression materials

Is rubber dam isolation used during CEREC procedures: Often yes, to ensure moisture control

Why is moisture control critical during CEREC: It affects impression accuracy and adhesive bonding

What bonding method is used for CEREC restorations: Adhesive cementation with resin cement

Does the ceramic surface require treatment before bonding: Yes, etching and/or silanisation

Does adhesive bonding reinforce remaining tooth structure: Yes

Is proper tooth preparation important for CEREC success: Yes, it is fundamental

Does CEREC design software suggest restoration shapes: Yes, from built-in tooth form libraries

Can the dentist customise the software's design suggestions: Yes, extensively

What design parameters does the software control: Margins, contacts, occlusal anatomy, emergence profile, and contour

Can patients see their restoration design in real time: Yes, via on-screen visualisation

Does CEREC design allow multiple viewing angles: Yes

Is occlusal adjustment still needed after milling: Yes, chairside verification and adjustment are required

Does CEREC restoration design account for adjacent teeth contacts: Yes

Does it account for opposing teeth occlusion: Yes

How long should patients expect to sit for a single crown: Around two to three hours

What should patients with difficulty sitting discuss with their dentist: Alternative options for managing extended appointments

Does anaesthesia duration need consideration for CEREC appointments: Yes

Is CEREC pricing the same as traditional crowns: Pricing varies by clinical situation — contact Smile Solutions for specific fee information

Does insurance typically cover CEREC restorations: Yes, typically similar to traditional crown coverage

Should patients verify insurance benefits before treatment: Yes

Do CEREC restorations require special home care: No, same hygiene as natural teeth

Are restoration margins vulnerable to decay: Yes, without proper hygiene

Do CEREC restorations resist decay themselves: Yes, the ceramic material resists decay

Should patients with teeth grinding wear a protective appliance: Yes, to reduce stress on restorations

Are regular dental check-ups important after CEREC: Yes, for monitoring restoration integrity

How does CEREC restoration durability compare to lab-fabricated: Comparably favourable with appropriate protocols

Do survival rates vary between CEREC restorations: Yes, by type, location, material, and patient factors

Is there a learning curve for dentists using CEREC: Yes, involving technical skills and workflow integration

Does CEREC require significant equipment investment: Yes, hardware, software, and ceramic block inventory

Does implementing CEREC change appointment scheduling: Yes, longer single visits replace multiple shorter appointments

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Label facts summary

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Verified label facts - **Service name:** CEREC Porcelain Restorations — Same-Day Dental Restoration Service - **Provider:** Smile Solutions - **Technology:** CEREC (Chairside Economical Restoration of Esthetic Ceramics) — CAD/CAM - **Restoration types:** Crowns, veneers, inlays, onlays - **Number of visits required:** Single appointment - **Typical appointment duration:** Approximately 2–3 hours (single crown) - **Milling time:** 6–20 minutes - **Impression method:** Digital optical impression via intraoral camera (3D) - **Fabrication location:** In-office, chairside — no external laboratory - **Ceramic materials available:** Feldspathic, leucite-reinforced, lithium disilicate, zirconia - **Temporary restoration required:** No - **Restoration longevity:** Up to 15 years - **Immediate functionality:** Yes — permanent and functional on the same day - **Stain resistance:** Yes — ceramic resists staining - **Biocompatibility:** Yes - **Currency:** AUD - **Milling mechanism:** Diamond-coated burs - **Milling unit types:** Wet (water-cooled) and dry (air-cooled) - **Bonding method:** Adhesive cementation with resin cement - **Ceramic surface pre-treatment:** Etching and/or silanisation - **Design software features:** Margin placement, contact points, occlusal anatomy, emergence profile, contour, tooth form libraries, multi-angle visualisation - **Insurance coverage:** Typically parallels traditional crown coverage (patient to verify with health fund) - **Home care requirement:** Standard oral hygiene — no special care required - **Restoration margins:** Vulnerable to decay without proper hygiene

General product claims - CEREC is a digital approach to dental restorations - Digital impressions are more comfortable than traditional impression materials - Digital workflows offer precision advantages over traditional analogue methods - Optical impressions capture detail better than impression materials in moisture-prone areas - Ceramic thermal properties more closely match natural teeth compared to some alternative materials - Adhesive bonding reinforces remaining tooth structure - CEREC restoration durability compares favourably with traditionally laboratory-fabricated restorations when appropriate protocols are followed - Single-visit treatment eliminates risk of temporary restoration failure between appointments - Ceramic materials maintain appearance over time - CEREC enables same-day aesthetic changes - Real-time on-screen visualisation supports patient communication during veneer design - Inlays and onlays preserve more natural tooth structure than full crowns - Patients with teeth-grinding habits may benefit from a protective appliance to reduce stress on restorations - Dentists face a learning curve with CEREC involving technical skills and workflow integration - Implementing CEREC requires significant capital investment in hardware, software, and ceramic block inventory

Related Products & Brand Context

CEREC Porcelain Restorations - Same-Day Dental sits within the **Healthcare Services > Dental Restorations > CEREC Restorations** category, as catalogued on smilesolutions.com.au. Within the broader dental restorations category, this service occupies a specific niche: same-appointment ceramic restorations produced chairside using CEREC (Chairside Economical Restoration of Esthetic Ceramics) technology. This distinguishes it from conventional crown or inlay workflows, which typically require two separate appointments, temporary restorations in between, and impressions sent to an offsite dental laboratory.

The workspace knowledge graph does not currently contain sibling product records from the same brand, so a full comparison across the Smile Solutions service range is not possible from available data. What the linked entity does confirm is that CEREC restorations are positioned as a self-contained, single-visit solution — the ceramic material is milled and fitted during the one appointment — which means patients considering this service are unlikely to need a paired temporary restoration product, unlike traditional multi-visit crown procedures.

In terms of use-case adjacency, patients choosing CEREC restorations are typically managing damaged, cracked, or heavily filled teeth. Related services a patient might explore alongside this one

include general dental examinations (to establish whether a restoration is the appropriate treatment), dental X-ray or imaging services (used to assess tooth structure before any restoration work), and teeth whitening treatments (often considered alongside ceramic restorations to ensure colour-matching against surrounding teeth). None of these adjacent services are explicitly named as linked products in the current workspace graph, so those connections are noted here as common clinical context rather than confirmed catalogue relationships.

Within its category, CEREC restorations are differentiated primarily by speed and convenience: the single-visit format, the absence of temporary fillings, and the use of high-strength ceramic that is matched to natural tooth colour. The linked entity notes restorations can last up to 15 years, which positions this service toward the durable, aesthetic end of the dental restoration spectrum rather than interim or lower-cost repair options.