

Want To Improve Your Smile?

Advances in Cosmetic Dentistry Offer Outstanding Results

If you've been interested in doing something to improve your smile, you'll first want to know what's available. This article discusses some of the latest materials and techniques used to restore teeth. With these advanced technologies and materials, patients are feeling confident their cosmetic dental procedures will give them the results they desire.

PATIENT #1

This patient in his 50's, was concerned with worn front teeth with a sizeable space between the central incisors. Porcelain veneers were placed on the upper front six teeth. The veneers replaced worn tooth structure, changed the shape of the front teeth, and filled the large space between them. As you can see, these veneers changed the entire appearance of his smile.



Before

After

PATIENT #2

This female patient in her 30's had a tooth with a very large amalgam (silver) filling. This tooth had a new cavity and needed to be restored with a crown (also known as a cap). She selected an all-porcelain crown rather than the more traditional gold crown or porcelain fused to gold crown. With the all-porcelain crown there is no metal to see and no dark line at the gum line where the crown meets the gum.



Before

After

PATIENT #3

This patient was not happy with her dark, discolored front teeth. The teeth were crowded, rotated, and breaking down. All porcelain crowns were placed on the upper six front teeth. As you can see the result is a smile with a nicer shape, color, and overall appearance. There are no signs that these are crowns rather than her "natural" teeth.



Before

After

All-Porcelain Crowns

The newest generation of all porcelain crowns is very exciting. Some of these crowns are made from a "lost wax" technique (just like fine jewelry) and others are made from high-tech computer designed and machined techniques (CAD-CAM). Because they have no metal, all-porcelain crowns have a very natural look and translucency. They fit very precisely and leave no "dark line" at the gum lines. These crowns create a beautiful and long-lasting restoration.

Porcelain Veneers

Porcelain veneers are bonded to the front of existing teeth in order to improve their appearance. Veneers can change the color or the shape as well as closing space or "straightening" the look of the teeth. Porcelain veneers are a more conservative treatment than crowns, because less natural tooth is removed for a veneer.

These are only a few examples of cosmetic procedures. To view more, you are welcome to view Rolling Hills Dental's "Smile Book" located in the lobby of our office.

For more information on these and other dental procedures, log on to: www.rhdental.com and click on "Patient Education." Here you will find extensive information on many other dental procedures.

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