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IMPROVING THE LOOK OF YOUR SMILE WITH PORCELAIN VENEERS

One thing everyone agrees upon is that having a smile you feel confident sharing with the world is a great feeling! While some people are lucky enough to have a naturally beautiful smile, many of us have one that is not as perfect as we would like it to be. Fortunately, thanks to advances in the field of cosmetic dentistry, even the most challenging smiles can be transformed into ones that dazzle. Your dentist offers many effective and aesthetically pleasing ways to improve the look of your smile.

If your front teeth are stained, discolored, chipped, worn-down, misshapen, a little gapped or slightly misaligned you're not alone. According to statistics, more than one-third of adults in the United States are dissatisfied with the appearance of their smiles. And, there are lots of reasons for less-than-perfect looking teeth. A blemished or misaligned smile may be due to genetic factors, the

effects of excessive wear and tear, the aging process, harmful oral habits like smoking, dietary choices that can stain your teeth, or the side effects of certain medications. While teeth whitening procedures can effectively address many cases of dental stains or discolorations to produce cosmetically pleasing results; darker stains, as well as certain issues involving the size, shape, and alignment of the teeth are better addressed with porcelain veneers.

What Are Porcelain Veneers?

Porcelain veneers are ultra-thin facings that are capable of masking a wide range of dental imperfections. Also known as porcelain laminates, veneers are custom designed for your smile with the ideal shape, size, texture, alignment, and color of naturally beautiful teeth in mind. With porcelain veneers, your dentist can transform the look of an individual

front tooth, or multiple ones to completely makeover your smile.

Custom fabricated from the highest grade of dental ceramics; porcelain veneers offer a number of additional benefits:

- Require minimal preparation of the underlying tooth structure
- Can be completed in just a few visits
- Interact with light in much the same way as natural dental enamel
- Resistant to both stains and discolorations so that the color remains vibrant
- Are well tolerated by the surrounding periodontal tissue
- With proper care they provide durable, long-lasting coverage

As the first step in care, your dentist will discuss your cosmetic concerns and your treatment goals. Your smile will be evaluated to assess your oral health and to determine a course of care that will provide you with the most aesthetically pleasing, healthy and long-lasting results. Whether porcelain veneers or another customized cosmetic dental procedure is right for you, your dentist will recommend the best solution to give you the beautiful smile you've always wanted.