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Each time the calendar flips into a new season, there are two important household rituals we should all remember: To change the batteries in our household smoke alarms, and to throw out and replace our toothbrushes. This ensures the important equipment is maintained for another full season!

Enjoy this newsletter, and if you have any questions about any of the topics or about any other oral health issue, please do not hesitate to give us a call. We'd love to hear from you, and would also be happy to hear from any of your friends or family who may have questions on their dental health, or who may be looking for a new dentist.

Thank you for your continued and much-appreciated patronage.

All the best,

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Teeth Whitening Questions? Read This!

The results from an independent study on cosmetic dentistry, conducted on behalf of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD), confirm that 99.7 percent of us believe a smile is an important social asset, 96 percent of adults believe an attractive smile makes a person more appealing to members of the opposite sex, and 74 percent of adults feel an unattractive smile can hurt a person's chance for career success.

With all that in mind, you probably have a lot of questions about what is involved in cosmetic dentistry, and how it may apply to you. Here are some of the common questions we hear on teeth whitening every day. We'd be happy to answer your specific questions or concerns on other smile improvements too – just give us a call!

Q: WHY IS TEETH WHITENING SO POPULAR THESE DAYS?

A: Teeth whitening is the fastest, easiest and most affordable cosmetic dental procedure available, resulting in the most immediate improvement to your smile. Teeth whitening is by far the most popular improvement we perform on a daily basis. In fact, studies show that when people are asked, "What would you most like to improve about your smile?" the most common response is, "Whiter and brighter teeth."

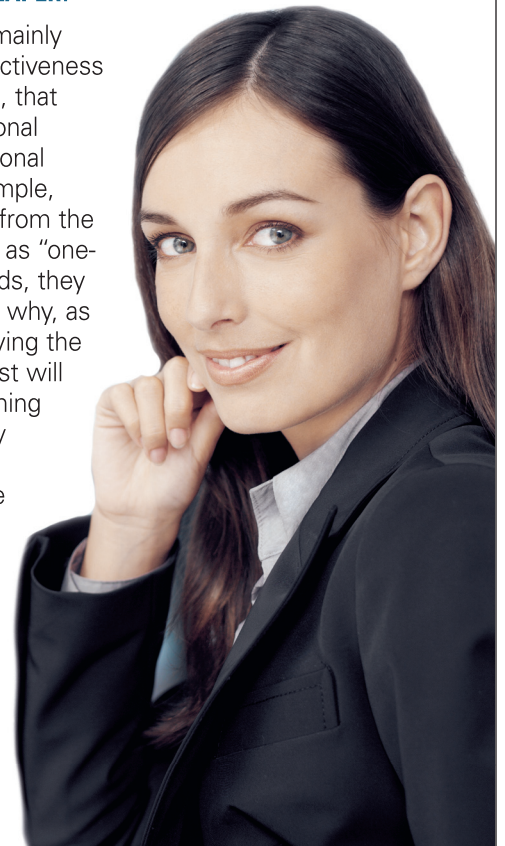
Q: WHY SHOULD I WHITEN MY TEETH AT THE DENTAL OFFICE? THE DRUGSTORE BRANDS ARE CHEAPER!

A: There are a number of reasons, mainly involving safety, comfort and effectiveness of the teeth whitening procedure, that make it clear that only a professional dental office can provide professional teeth whitening results. For example, "one-size-fits-all" bleaching trays from the drugstore are usually as effective as "one-size-fits-all" clothes, in other words, they rarely fit anyone perfectly! That's why, as a means of minimizing or remedying the problem of gum irritation, a dentist will usually fabricate a person's bleaching trays in a fashion where they fully cover each tooth being bleached, but rest just short of touching the person's gums.

Q: IS TEETH WHITENING BAD FOR PATIENTS' ENAMEL?

A: No. The AACD confirms that there is no permanent damage caused to the enamel or any other tooth structures by teeth whitening.

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CREATE A NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL SMILE WITH PORCELAIN VENEERS

If you would like to correct your slightly crooked, uneven or chipped teeth, or whiten and brighten teeth that are severely stained or discolored, then dental veneers could be your perfect solution.

Dental veneers, sometimes called tooth veneers, can be used to correct both shape and color problems for your teeth. The technique involves thin shells of porcelain, custom-made from a model of your teeth to fit precisely, that are individually crafted to bond onto the front of each tooth to close gaps, hide surface ridges and correct uneven or chipped teeth. Between the precise color-matching to your surrounding teeth and the enamel-like quality of the veneer itself, they are usually undetectable to the human eye.

Porcelain veneers sometimes perform even better than natural teeth, due to their unique stain-resistant characteristics. This means that if you're fond of coffee, tea, red wine, cigarettes and fruits or other foods with deep, staining colors, you'll notice a stain resistance with your dental veneers that your natural tooth enamel does not have!

Porcelain veneers are ideal for people with healthy teeth and gums, who want to perfect their smile with a minimally-invasive cosmetic improvement.

LOL ... With White Fillings, You Can!

LOL: It's a popular email term standing for "Laugh Out Loud," and we all know there's nothing better than a hearty, belly-shaking laugh to brighten your day. But what if you're embarrassed every time you open your mouth, concerned about the appearance of your metal fillings? Worry no longer — we have the "white" solution to your metal misery.

We're pleased to offer natural-looking composite materials, which have replaced amalgam as the tooth filling of choice for today's dental patient. Patients are recognizing the many advantages of the strong, tooth-colored material, and are requesting that all new and replacement fillings be "white." In fact, not only are the new white fillings aesthetically pleasing, they also have the convenience of quick curing (hardening), allowing your tooth to be fully functional as soon as you leave our office.

Trade in your "metal mouth" for a fresh, young look to your smile. Simply call us to find out the many advantages of safe, strong composite fillings.

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