



## Oral and Dental Healthcare Center

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# You're as old as your smile!



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Cosmetic Dentistry is the application of the anti-aging techniques used in medical fields such as plastic surgery and dermatology to the mouth, jaw, teeth and surrounding tissues.

Tooth loss brings about not only a reduction in mouth functions such as chewing, speaking, smiling and swallowing, but also a serious cosmetic loss as well. People with missing teeth are likely to take on the countenance of the elderly, with a thinning of the upper lip, sagging in the lower lip and corners of the mouth, together with accompanying wrinkles around the lips and a shortening of the distance between the tips of the nose and chin.

**Treatment Planning:** The patient's X-rays, models and photographs are evaluated. A plan is designed as to how missing teeth are to be replaced and, working with specialists, what can be done from a cosmetic and functional perspective in terms of orthodontic and surgical procedures. The goal of this assessment is to "redesign" the patient's smile in an effort to recapture cosmetic appearance appropriate to age, lifestyle and personality.

Cosmetic dentistry to achieve smile beauty and smile rejuvenation involves treatment approaches that include prosthetic treatment, surgical procedures such as implants, Botox therapy and dental treatment.

## Customized Planning

Cosmetic dentistry procedures provide a plan customized to each individual, guiding the patient through the following stages:

**Clinical and Radiological Examination:** The patient's total mouth X-rays (panoramic) are taken, followed by an examination of mouth and teeth.

**Model Analysis:** A model is taken of the patient's upper and lower jaw and reviewed.

**Photographs:** Photos of the inside of the patient's mouth, face, profile and smile are taken and the relationships between the lips, nose, teeth and mouth are reviewed.

