# Aesthetics

**Crown Lengthening:** A functional procedure to reshape excess bone and gum tissue and expose more of the natural tooth.

**Esthetic Crown Lengthening:** When too much gum tissue forms around the teeth, a "gummy" smile will be present. The goal of this procedure is to establish a contour line along the teeth and expose the entire enamel of the tooth.

### before



after



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# Ways to achieve a Great Smile!



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# Implants

**Implant:** An artificial tooth root used to hold a replacement tooth (crown)

**Bone Grafting:** The replacement of missing bone

**Sinus Lift:** Bone is added to the upper jaw when there is not enough room for an implant to be placed. To make room for this additional bone, the sinus membrane is lifted.

### before



## Períodontal Disease

Scaling and Root Planing: This non-surgical procedure involves thoroughly cleaning teeth above and below the gum line to remove plaque and calculus (tartar). The root is then planed to remove any remaining calculus deposits and smooth any rough or irregular surfaces.

Pocket Reduction Surgery: This procedure (also known as flap or osseous surgery) involves making small incisions in the gum so it can be lifted back to expose the tooth and bone. The exposed area is thoroughly cleaned and checked for bone loss. Occasionally, gum tissue is also removed and bone is recontoured.



# Gum Grafting

Connective Tissue Grafting: Also known as soft tissue grafting, this procedure is performed when there is major gum recession or exposed tooth roots. Tissue is taken from a healthy area of the mouth and then grafted to the area where it is missing or lacking.

### before



after



Final restorations by restorative dentist