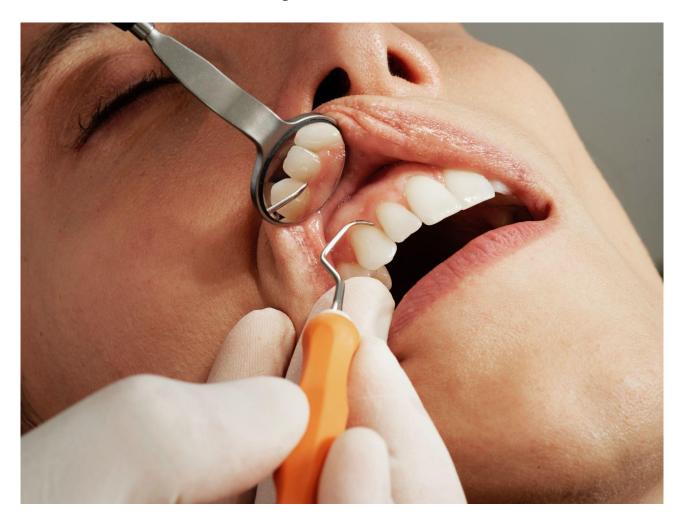
# **Cosmetic Dentistry**



Get the smile you want and boost your confidence in as little as a few visits. We offer a variety of affordable cosmetic dentistry services to help you achieve a brighter, whiter and straighter smile! From teeth-whitening, to Invisalign and porcelain veneers, Dr. Mohajeri and his team create customized treatment plans

A cosmetic dentist is responsible for a variety of procedures — from minor fixes to major surgeries. Here are a few of the cosmetic procedures they offer.

## **Teeth Whitening**

Teeth whitening is one of the most basic cosmetic dentistry procedures—as well as one of the least expensive. Over time, teeth can become stained from food, drinks, medications, or other habits like smoking. Many people turn to teeth whitening to make their smile brighter.

After teeth have been cleaned of plaque, tartar, and other debris, teeth whitening can bleach the surface of teeth to create a brighter, whiter appearance. While

over-the-counter products like toothpaste, rinses, and whitestrips can offer some results, professional tooth whitening can provide a shade up to 5 to 8 times lighter.

#### **Dental Veneers**

Dental veneers are thin, white shells made from medical-grade porcelain, resin, or ceramic. They're custom made for each patient to resemble their natural teeth.

Before attaching the veneers, the dentist removes some enamel from the tooth's surface to allow the shells to be bonded realistically to the front of the teeth. Dental veneers can fix a number of cosmetic issues, including crooked teeth, damaged enamel, and gaps between teeth.

#### **Dental Crowns**

A dental crown, also known as a dental cap, fits over a decayed or damaged tooth. These crowns can keep a weakened tooth from breaking or used cosmetically to cover misshapen or severely discolored teeth.

**Education and Training** 

While cosmetic dentistry is a widely practiced industry, it's not currently recognized as a specialty by the American Dental Association. Therefore, universities typically don't offer degree programs in that area.

However, most cosmetic dentists first receive training through other dental school programs. Dental students train for four years and typically require a bachelor's degree to enroll. Program training includes:

Orthodontics (the dental practice of aligning teeth with braces or other means)

Pain management

Dental history and law

Cosmetic dentistry

Oral medicine

Upon completion of a program, prospective cosmetic dentists must seek a medical license. They may also receive accreditation.

## **Reasons to See a Cosmetic Dentist**

There are many reasons you might see a cosmetic dentist, including:

### Tooth decay

Damage (cracks, chips, etc.)

**Crooked teeth** 

Misshapen teeth

Discoloration

# Missing teeth

People with damaged, decaying, crooked, or discolored teeth may also have difficulty when eating and speaking. For others, dental issues may affect their self-esteem.

According to a 2015 survey by the American Dental Association, 33% of young people are reluctant to smile due to conditions of the teeth and mouth. Another 23% of adults have cut back on their participation in social activities due to embarrassment about their smiles.

If you feel dissatisfied with your smile, a cosmetic dentist can improve the condition of your teeth.