



DENTAL DOINGS

Have A Nicer Smile

(NAPSA)—If you're happy and you know it, it now may be easier to show it. Many movie stars, models and media personalities have used cosmetic dentistry to help enhance their image. With these procedures more affordable than ever, more and more people are having cosmetic dental work done.

With good reason says a poll by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry:

- Virtually all Americans, 99 percent, 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.

- 74 percent of adults feel an unattractive smile can hurt a person's chances for career success.

One Philadelphia dentist says the single best thing he's done was to continue his education at LVI, a leading post graduate cosmetic dentistry training center. Now, he can educate the public on the possibilities in making over a smile. It's a satisfying feeling to have a grown man get tears in his eyes when you reveal his new smile. One of his patients drove 1.5 hours to get a smile makeover and then reported a 27.5 percent rise in his income, for which the patient credits the confidence he receives from his smile.

Many other patients also reported the effect was dramatic. "I had to practice smiling," said a San Diego real estate agent. "I was embarrassed by my discolored teeth."

Cosmetic dentistry can help people like:

- An adult who has suffered through his or her teens, too embarrassed to smile because of discolored teeth



More and more people are discovering the magic of cosmetic dentistry.

- A senior wanting a more youthful, healthier appearance

- A child who chipped teeth in a playground accident

- Those injured in automobile or sporting accidents

Cosmetic dentists can correct these problems and improve a person's smile and overall appearance through a variety of techniques including veneers, crowns, bridges and tooth whitening.

Veneers can be used to correct crooked, chipped or worn teeth. Crowns and bridges are an option for general bite dysfunction and missing teeth. Tooth whitening is an effective means of improving the appearance of stained, discolored or dull teeth.

While at first glance these may seem to offer primarily aesthetic benefits, cosmetic dentistry can also help provide many emotional and health benefits. An improved smile can boost people's self-image, making them more confident in their daily lives. Higher self-esteem, for example, could help motivate a person to pursue the new career he or she had previously ruled out because of a lack of self-confidence. Learn more at www.lvidocs.com.