

Specific Results Not Guaranteed

The dental procedures described above have a very high degree of success in our Practice. Human tissues, however, react differently to dental treatment depending on a variety of factors. Each individual case is different and the exact for each specific case is difficult if not impossible to guarantee. Thus, as with any branch of medicine or dentistry, the proposed Treatment Plan contains no guarantee of specific results. There are many variables that affect how long restorations or whitening can be expected to last, including general health, maintenance of good oral hygiene, regular dental checkups, etc. Therefore, no guarantees can be made or assumed regarding the longevity of restorations or whitening. If you have been provided a computer generated imaging of your smile, you understand that this is an artificial mechanism to serve as a basis for a discussion of treatment, and in no way provides a warranty or representation of specific results. Natural teeth themselves are not "perfect" and contain certain embrasures, striations, and color variations. The Practice doctors use their artistic skills to specify the shades, coloring, shape, and sculpting of the restorations to make what in their experience are very realistic replicas of teeth. As with any type artistic endeavor, however, aesthetics is a highly subjective perception. You will be allowed to view and approve the lab fabricated porcelain restorations prior to bonding in. Once restorations are placed, and your approval is given, any redos based on shade, coloring, shape, sculpting, and/ or other aesthetic issues will be at the Practice's sole discretion and at its then current rates. Therefore, you may want to bring a friend or loved one to attend the seat appointment to help approve the restorations.

Alternative Treatments

There are alternative treatments to the Practice's recommended Treatment Plan, which may include, but are not necessarily limited to one or more various combinations of veneers, crowns, bonding, onlays, inlays, whitening, contouring of teeth or gums, bridges, dentures, extractions, root canal therapy, fillings, orthodontics, non-surgical therapy, surgical curettage or cleaning, tooth extractions, implant treatments, as well as other dental treatments. Please make sure you have had an opportunity to ask about these and had them explained to your satisfaction.

Non-Treatment Option

One option is to have no treatment performed. This alternative may entail a number of actual or potential risks, which are difficult or impossible to quantify or predict for specific cases. Some of the risks of non-treatment may include, but are not necessarily limited to, exacerbation of any existing symptoms, deterioration of the aesthetics of function of your teeth, improper biting, tooth, head and/ or neck pain, fracturing of teeth, discoloration or staining of your teeth, rotation or movement of teeth, TMJ complications, additional wear of your teeth to the point they are not candidates for reconstruction, loss of teeth, bite problems, poor chewing, loosening of teeth, need for dentures, gum recession, bad breath, inability to perform

adequate oral hygiene, abscesses or infection, pain, tooth movements, worsening periodontal condition, deeper pockets and other oral health problems.

Risks and Inconveniences

Inherent in the Practice's proposed Treatment Plan (as well as with many similar or other dental procedures) are certain actual and potential risks and inconveniences, which vary based on individual circumstances and variations in teeth and gums. These risks and inconveniences may last for a short or an indefinable length of time. They include, but are not necessarily limited to, swelling, pain, tooth sensitivity, bleeding, bruising, discoloration, gum recession, abscesses, the need to repeat all or part of the procedure for known or unknown reasons, gagging, exposure of crown margins or edges, numbness, gum, bone or teeth inflammation, lisping, speech impediments or speaking difficulties, infections, virus, changes in facial appearance, stretching of the mouth resulting in cracked corners, stiffness of facial muscles, changes in occlusion, tooth mobility, loss of teeth, oral surgery, food impaction, root staining, oral opening restrictions, tissue sloughing, continued periodontal disease, implant rejections, root canal therapy, numbness of lip, chin, and gums, dental neuropathy, temporary or permanent numbness or tingling in the lip, tongue, teeth, gums, chin, cheek or jaw area, nerve problems, parasthesia, joint pain/ disorder, need for a night guard, accidental nicks or cuts from dental instruments or needle sticks to the body, injuries to adjacent facial area and teeth, fillings in other teeth, other tissues, sutures, chipping, breaking or loosening of the temporary or permanent restorations, accidentally swallowing or aspirating restorations, materials or dental tools, referred pain to the ear, neck, jaw or head, temporomandibular joint (jaw joint) problems, nausea, allergic reaction, bone fracture, delayed healing, sinus complications, adverse reaction to drugs, medications, and/ or anesthetic (including nitrous oxide), respiratory distress, heart failure, or death. You understand that your condition may be the same, better or worse after treatment. If previously placed dental restorations are in place on teeth, the Treatment Plan may entail additional alteration of tooth structure to properly prepare these teeth for new restorations, and/ or other unknown or unspecified problems or risks, which the Practice may or may not have encountered, and which are difficult or impossible to predict or quantify.

Maintenance Obligations

For successful treatment results and to lessen the dangers of complications, you agree to comply with your individualized maintenance program and keep excellent oral hygiene. It is typical to need follow-up visits for occlusal or other adjustments. You agree to notify the Practice at the soonest possible moment in the event that you experience pain or discomfort that you believe may be related to the Practice treatment. You agree to keep your follow-up appointments and to follow recommended treatments for your Treatment Plan as well as follow other precautions and recommendations that may be provided as part of your pre-op or post-operative instructions.