

## Cosmetic Dentist Checklist

The following checklist will help you to find the right cosmetic dentist for you. It is a good idea to print out and take this list with you when first consulting with a prospective dentist for cosmetic procedures. The relationship with your cosmetic dentist is a shared responsibility. While the dentist should explain each treatment option in detail, including its benefits and drawbacks, it's important that you tell your dentist about yourself, your needs and the results you're looking for. Ask the dentist and office staff as many questions as needed to help you understand the recommended treatment.

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Visited: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. When you first call for a consultation, does the person who answers treat you courteously and with respect?
2. Are you provided with a timely appointment?
3. What is the cosmetic dentist's educational background?
4. How many years in practice?
5. Does the dentist carry malpractice insurance?
6. What are the dentist's additional education/training, memberships, and accreditations in cosmetic dentistry?
7. Are before and After Photos available for your type of procedure(s)?
8. Are the majority of procedures performed by the practice cosmetic procedures?
9. May you contact a patient who has had your type of procedure performed?
10. Are payment terms and/or financing available? What are the terms?
11. If insured, is your type of insurance accepted?
12. Is information provided about fees and payment plans before treatment is scheduled?

13. What arrangements are made for handling emergencies outside of office hours?
14. Does the doctor have a philosophy of care that will assure you of long-lasting dental health?
15. Will you be properly consulted regarding your dental problems and offered sound treatment options and solutions?
16. Is your prescribed treatment comprehensive, prioritized into phases, and planned over a reasonable period of time?
17. Does the doctor use modern diagnostic and treatment technology? (as example: digital diagnostic cameras and imaging software; magnification and fiber optics; digital x-ray imaging; micro-abrasion and adhesive bonding.
18. Does the dentist explain techniques that will help you prevent dental health problems? Is dental health instruction provided?
19. Does the doctor employ the most skilled technical laboratories and highest quality materials to fabricate your dental restorations?
20. How long does the doctor warranty the dental work?

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