



SmarTeeth

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Our Practice Philosophy

We are here to help you make good dental decisions. We endeavor to do this by getting to know you and what your desires are for your dental health. We are ready to share, with you, all the information available about your dental care and to provide you with the highest quality treatment for your dental needs.

Cosmetic Dentistry

Occasionally, patients will call and ask us if Dr. McCrea does cosmetic dentistry. Our answer is always “yes, of course”. Dr. McCrea believes that all of the dentistry he provides is cosmetic. Although no one can see a root canal or the cores underneath the crowns he prepares, Dr. McCrea works to make them all look as good as possible.



Before Bleaching



After Bleaching

The first exclusively “cosmetic” procedure we offered to our patients was tooth bleaching. Over the years the bleaching products have become more effective and taste a whole lot better. **Bleaching** is the first step in any procedure treating the front teeth when patients would like the finished result to be lighter than what they

have to begin with. Bleaching needs to be completed first so that the filling material or porcelain shade chosen will match the new lighter shade of the teeth. Afterwards, the bleaching will need to be “touched-up” on a regular basis to keep everything looking good.

A few years ago, Dr. McCrea started offering **Lumineers** veneers to his patients. Lumineers are much thinner than traditional veneers and



Before Lumineers

can be done with minimal reduction of the natural teeth. We have seen some great results with the Lumineers. Dr. McCrea even had Lumineers veneers and crowns prepared for his brother after his braces were done.



After Lumineers

Braces are the most recent addition to our cosmetic procedure list. Dr. McCrea has already finished several patients in braces including Janelli, our hygienist, his brother, and Beth’s brother. Of course, braces are not just cosmetic. Many of our patients need them to correct a bite problem that is affecting their oral health. For most adults however, braces are cosmetic and are used to straighten teeth that are slightly crowded or crooked. Many adult patients also have had braces once already as kids, but have had some relapse since. One of our beliefs is that retainers are forever, especially for bottom teeth. Permanent lower retainers are placed on the tongue side of the bottom front teeth to hold them in position. Top retainers are usually removable for eating and cleaning and after a year or so only need to be used at night.

Complimentary Bleaching Offer

Until the end of this summer, we will be offering complimentary bleaching to any patient who would have **Lumineers** veneers or would have **braces** done. Give us a call to find out more or ask us about it at your check-up.



Thank you for Your Referral

We really like our patients. It's disappointing that we only get to see most of you two or three times a year. So it's nice to have our patients' friends, co-workers, and family members come in to see us and give us updates (not gossip of course).

Appointments are usually available within a week or two. If you know someone with a toothache though, we will try to get them in as soon as possible. Make sure everyone lets us know who sent them so we can thank you the next time you come in.



Care Credit

We are still offering Care Credit as a great way to finance your dental needs. Care Credit can help you spread payments out over a period of time without interest. Many of our patients have found this to be very helpful. Ask Sue for details or apply online at www.carecredit.com.