

# Baytown Gentle Dental - Giving You Something to Smile About...



We all have our moments when we don't feel like smiling, but if you're not smiling because of your teeth, cosmetic dentistry can solve that problem. While traditional dentistry focuses on treatments involving oral hygiene and the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of oral disease, cosmetic dentistry focuses on improving your teeth, mouth and smile.

Technological advancements in cosmetic dentistry can solve a myriad of problems that used to be considered beyond repair. For example, you may have older dental fillings made from gold and other materials that may have left visible dark spots on your teeth. Today, you can replace those fillings with new ones made of porcelain or composite materials that closely match the color of your teeth and help you maintain a more natural appearance.

Some cosmetic dentistry treatments that are available include teeth whitening, dental veneers and implants, inlays and onlays, composite bonding, and removable partial dentures.

**Teeth Whitening** is probably the most commonly sought after cosmetic dental procedure. If your teeth are stained from smoking, food, drink, or poor oral hygiene, they can

be whitened by your dentist and restored to their natural beautiful color.

**Crowns** are used to support weakened teeth; cover teeth that may have been broken; protect teeth that have large fillings and to hold bridges in place. While providing structural support, they can also improve the appearance of your smile by their ability to cover severe tooth discoloration, and by reshaping the tooth to match its natural form.

**Bridges** help you fill the gap that missing teeth leave behind. Using two crowns placed on opposite sides of the gap and a false tooth in between, dentists can close a space in your smile. This helps not only to restore your beautiful smile and improve your face shape, but also prevents the remaining teeth from shifting out of position.

**Dental Veneers** are composite or porcelain laminates that are adhesively bonded to the surface of a tooth to correct and repair chips and cracks. Veneers can also be used to fix the appearance of gaps in the teeth or hide severely discolored teeth.

**Dental Implants** are artificial tooth root replacements used to compensate for tooth loss. Dental implants can help improve your smile, and also add a more youthful appearance to your face, since the loss of teeth can make you look older by causing your face to collapse.

**Composite Bonding** is a procedure used to repair or correct the appearance of chipped, broken, discolored or decayed teeth. The procedure involves the application of a composite material with the look of enamel and dentin into the cavity or onto the surface of a tooth. Once applied, the composite material is sculpted into shape, then contoured and hardened with a high-intensity light, resulting in a restoration that blends with the rest of your natural teeth, giving you a healthy, bright smile.

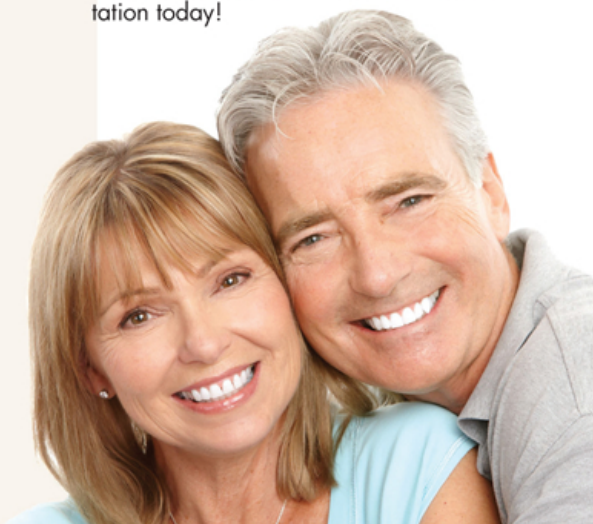
**Removable Partial Dentures** have evolved from the usual metal and acrylic dentures.



There are relatively new partials that are lightweight and flexible. They are generally quite affordable and can be made in a short period of time. Unlike traditional partial dentures made with metal and acrylic, these can be made completely metal free for a more esthetic, natural look. They look just like your real teeth so you can smile with confidence.

There are many other cosmetic dental treatments available and dental insurance may even be able to offset the cost. Talk to **Baytown Gentle Dental** about your smile to learn which treatments are right for you. In no time at all, they'll give you something to smile about!

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