

Let's Talk About Teeth

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PUTTING UP A GOOD FRONT

Discolored front teeth that do not lend themselves to tooth-whitening procedures may benefit more from porcelain veneers. After a thin layer of the front of the tooth is removed, fingernail-thin shells overlay the front of the teeth, giving them a new facade. Enamel is removed from the front of the tooth only to the extent that it leaves sufficient room to accept the veneer. Aside from selecting a color for the veneers to match natural tooth color, the dentist and patient may agree to revise the smile by choosing a more suitable tooth shape. Elongated, round, and curvy teeth suggest femininity while square, sharp-edged teeth are more masculine. These factors may come into play with worn or misshapen front teeth.

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