

## **Cosmetics aren't just make-up anymore.**

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### **Introduction:**

Cosmetics---the adornment of the body and beautification of the outward appearance---has been sought ever since the days of Cleopatra and even before.

As appealing as lipstick, powder, gels and lotions make us, they are all temporary, at best. But your smile is forever. The complete appearance includes your teeth.

A miracle of modern dentistry makes it possible to restore a life-like beauty to teeth that are stained, chipped, cracked, crooked, or separated by a wide space.

That miracle is the Chameleon Porcelain Veneer.

For the first time in the history of dentistry you can have a perfect color match and a fit that defies detection.

In the past, the use of plastic or resin-filled bonding materials proved to be less than desirable because they were not color stable, stained easily, and became rough and pitted in a short period of time. As a result, these restorations had to be replaced, as much to the patient's disappointment.

Porcelain has changed all of that. Because porcelain is strong, durable, and wear-resistant, it maintains its smooth, color-perfect surface for years.

The Chameleon Porcelain veneer, with its natural translucency, will enhance your smile and overall appeal at work or play.

In addition to the esthetic benefits, the Chameleon Veneers offer you comfort and convenience. A painless procedure, it requires no anesthetic because there is little or no tooth reduction and requires no temporaries. Most times the restoration can be completed in just two brief appointments.

The fore case histories in the booklet are only a few of the applications for the Chameleon Porcelain Veneer. Make an appointment for your personal examination and consultation. Your dentist will answer any questions you may have about putting beauty and appeal in your smile.

### **Tetracycline Stains:**

This patient a 21-year-old female, was branded by some of her peers in school as "shy" and by others as "stuck up" because of her reluctance to smile---which showered her

tetracycline-stained teeth. (When tetracycline is administered from infancy to adolescence, a side effect that may occur is the internal staining of the teeth; the staining may be dark brown to gray lines across the teeth as they are formed.)

There are an estimated one-and-a-half million people affected by medicine staining. You should always ask your physician or dentist to explain the side effect of any drug before taking it. This presumed side effect appears especially in children from 1-16 years of age. In some severe cases the patients claim they have had their personalities altered and have been subjected to humiliation.

With the Chameleon Veneers, the patient did not require anesthetic because of the minimal reduction of enamel needed to complete the cosmetically beautiful end result.

In the patient's own words, "I felt no pain and couldn't tell anything had been done to my teeth,"

After viewing her newly restored front teeth, tears of joy filled her eyes. Happily she said she now could smile with pride and confidence.

## **Diastema Closure:**

Here is a dramatic example of a dental problem that affects many people.

The 47-year-old male patient here had shied away from having his diastema closed because he did not feel comfortable with the treatment options available.

One treatment used for this problem is full crowns which involved preparing the teeth by reducing their size to a small peg, over which the crowns are then placed.

An alternative treatment is a resin or plastic covering used to fill the space between the teeth. Unfortunately, the materials used for this procedure are not color stable and stain easily. In addition, the surface did not remain smooth.

To emphasize how life-like the veneers are, the doctor in this case chose to do only small moon-shaped veneers, which he placed between the teeth to fill the spaces. Once the veneers were cemented into position and polished, they were virtually undetectable. The veneers blend so beautifully that not even the doctor can tell where the veneers end and the teeth begin.

The new Chameleon Porcelain Veneers gave his patient a conservative answer to his dental problem. The Chameleons offered natural translucence, strength, and durability. The patient, elated with his new appearance, speaks with enthusiasm about the Chameleon breakthrough.

## **Peg Laterals:**

This 31-year-old female, an assistant manager of a grocery store, had been dissatisfied with the appearance of her laterals (the teeth on either side of the two teeth in the center).

She had heard about Chameleon Veneers from another happy, satisfied patient and decided it was time to improve her smile.

Both the doctor and patient were pleased with her shade of her natural teeth. So it was decided to veneer the laterals only. As you can see, the shade and natural translucence of the veneers match her natural teeth identically.

Only the Chameleon Porcelain Veneers can an exact shade or characterization of teeth be achieved. Whether it is one or six veneers, they all will look as vital as the natural teeth.

During the first of her two brief appointments, she was pleased to learn that no reduction at all was needed on her left lateral and only slight reduction was needed on the right to permit seating of the veneer.

As you can see, the improvement was dramatic. The patient was delighted with the result. The doctor also was pleased because he was confident the gingival margins\* would be compatible, with no irritation or unsightly gum recession. And he'd have a happy patient for years to come.

## **Multiple Dental Problems:**

This may be the most dramatic improvement of any shown in this booklet.

The patient is a 37-year-old female Army officer working on her Master's Degree at the time of treatment.

The patient initially sought treatment to repair or replace a fractured porcelain jacket crown on the left central tooth.

This led to a discussion of treatment method to improve her over-all dental appearance.

This patient has a severe Class II occlusion with a deep overbite, crowded teeth in some areas, and spaced between teeth on other areas. To further complicate her dental problems, her other central has some rotation.

The doctor recommended orthodontics with probable surgical intervention. The patient declined the doctor's preferred treatment; so a compromise treatment was outlined.

The patient chose to have two porcelain crowns, one on her left central and one on the right lateral, and used Chameleon Porcelain Veneers on the remaining four anterior appear straight and closed the spaces---a pleasing esthetic result.

The doctor was happy to accommodate the patient with this treatment because should the patient later elect to have the orthodontic approach, this still can be achieved because if the minimum reduction required for the Chameleon Veneers.

In conclusion—Chameleon Porcelain Veneers are not a cure-all treatment, but can be used in many cases where conventional crowns are not required or acceptable to the patient.