



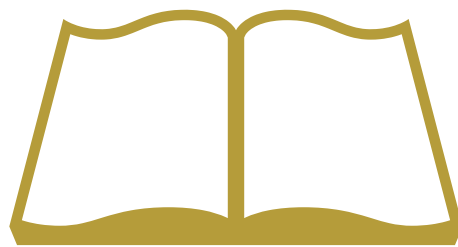
THE
6 COMMANDMENTS
for
Choosing the Right
Cosmetic Dentist

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Why does this matter?

Choosing the right cosmetic dentist will have a major impact on your life. As nervous or biased as you may be, it is substantial evidence – cold facts and logic – that should guide your decision to safeguard the most expressive, yet silent aspect of your beautiful personality—**your smile.**



Follow this guide for choosing the right cosmetic dentist to avoid heartbreak, short-lived restorations, expensive recovery, and demoralizing embarrassment.

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#1

**THE RIGHT
DENTIST IS
ACCREDITED
BY THE AACD**

(American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry)

Remember, any dentist can become a member of the AACD, however **Accredited** Dentists must:



Undergo a substantial amount of cosmetic dentistry education and training of world-class quality.



Present 5 different completed cases of cosmetic dentistry to a panel of experts for judging, prior to Accreditation.



Must pass comprehensive written and oral exams, and adhere to a strict code of cosmetic dentistry ethics.



No other certifying board requires their dentists to meet standards as stringent as the AACD. Check if your dentist is Accredited on the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry's website at www.aacd.com

#2

**TRULY
COMPREHENSIVE
EXAMINATION**

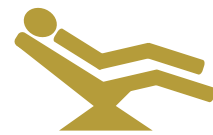
You want your dentist to be as thorough as humanly possible when performing your examination. **The right dentist will:**



Analyze the form of your teeth, their proper function, your gum health, bone health, bite issues, any existing dental work and its impact on your overall oral health.



They will have the ability to perform digital xrays, and have access to key technology such as intra oral cameras, monitors, study models, oral cancer screening, sedation, and more.



Offer patient comforts: music, coffee bar, comfort chairs, a gentle touch, and sedation dentistry options to make the comprehensive examination a breeze.



An examination like this will make sure nothing is overlooked and your results will be done right the first time, lasting for years to come.

#3

**AN ARTISTIC
EYE AND A
SCIENTIFIC
SENSE**

Your smile is a precious piece of art, but there is a science behind it. **The right cosmetic dentist understands this and will:**



Accurately evaluate your needs, time, personality, and discuss finances.



Discuss the tone of your skin, eye color, lip shape, golden proportions and proper function.



Always be precise in execution and meticulous in craftsmanship.



To achieve optimal aesthetic results, a dentist must have a clear vision of what is artistically possible and appropriate for you in the long-run.

#4

**OPENS YOUR
EYES TO THE
POSSIBILITIES**

Be aware:

You'll want to look at Before & After photos of cosmetic stories similar to yours that the dentist has performed in the past.

Commercially-produced photos and albums show the general results, but you need to confirm you are seeing the actual handiwork of the dentist you are considering.



**Make sure the images are
from ACTUAL patients**

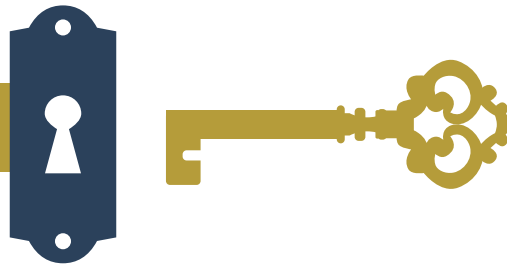


#5

**EXTENSIVE
SMILE DESIGN
EXPERIENCE**

Experience is key:

Great cosmetic dentistry is a beautiful and expressive art, just like you. General dentists generally have little or no experience in mastering this art.



If you are considering veneers, for example, ask how many veneers the dentist has placed. Look for cosmetic dentists who have placed not just hundreds, but thousands of veneers. This showcases the dentist's wide range of experience with different smiles and unique circumstances, making them credible to deliver the same experience and expertise to your work of art — your smile.

#6

**AN HONEST AND
CONFIDENT
COMMUNICATOR**

Communication is everything:

The right cosmetic dentists will be confident in their abilities, backing it up with extensive experience and amazing results. They'll be able to answer all your questions and needs clearly, explain in simple terms how the procedure is going and will be able to communicate kindly, patiently and professionally as you go through the journey.



TRY THIS:

Ask your cosmetic dentist how many patients have been dissatisfied with their results. Then, ask them how they chose to correct and handle the situation. This will give you a clue of how they will communicate with you down the road, how well they will listen, and how they will make you feel.



**Your smile is imperative to
your confidence and joy.
Place it in the right
hands and you'll have an
experience like never before.**



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