

Modern Smiles

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No Longer Fearful, Just Four Veneers

CREATE A GLOWING SMILE!

I **mag**ine this scenario: *It's the 1960's and you and your little brother are going to the dentist, alone. Your mother, a single parent, is at work and your grandmother doesn't drive so you're riding in a taxi by yourselves. Once there, the dentist says you have a cavity that needs filling. He gives you an injection but starts drilling before the numbing medication takes effect. This happens every time you go, and the sound of the drill haunts you into adulthood.*

It's no wonder Debbie Marlatt had dental fears. As an adult, she had been seeing a dentist for basic cleanings on an irregular basis. However, when she cracked a front tooth and it began chipping away, she knew things would have to get more involved.

While attending a party, Debbie noticed a lady who'd recently had porcelain veneers on her front teeth. *"Her smile looked fantastic,"* Debbie said.

Chris, a close friend of Debbie's was also at the party and urged Debbie to look into veneers for herself.

Chris works with Dr. James Andrews and knew firsthand that Debbie's procedure could be done without any discomfort. She mentioned the various sedation options and urged Debbie to see Dr. Andrews.

At her first visit, Debbie

was impressed with how everyone made sure she was always comfortable. *"They always told me what they were doing,"* she states. *"They understood my fear."*

Dr. Andrews explained that Debbie's front teeth were fracturing from the top to bottom. This meant that eventually, if the fractures caused breaks below the gum line, the teeth would have to be removed. Her two front teeth also slanted inward, which could be corrected with veneers.

Treatment began with a cleaning, which required deep scaling to rid buildup beneath the gum line. To ensure Debbie's complete comfort, she took Oral Sedation prior to her visit and was given nitrous oxide during her procedure. This relaxes the patient before and throughout the treatment, yet allows for a quick recovery. *"I had no pain and it went fine,"* shares Debbie.

Once Debbie's gums were back to a healthy state, she decided to have four porcelain veneers placed for a new

smile that would create a beautiful line. Again, she took Oral Sedation in pill form before the appointment to relax her and had nitrous oxide during. *"I'm thrilled. Everything was wonderful throughout this experience,"* states Debbie. *"I was not in any pain. And he did a really, REALLY good job!"*

Now that Debbie's new smile is complete, she remembers how she would always put her hand in front of her mouth to smile or laugh. No longer! *"The difference is day and night! I smile more and smile bigger,"*



Before



After

explains Debbie, *"and even though this was expensive, it really was worth it!"*

No longer struggling with dental fear, Debbie is very compassionate for those who

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DENTAL LASER CAN REPAIR 'GUMMY' SMILE

When someone smiles and shows too much gum above the upper teeth, this is referred to as a *gummy smile*. For many with this trait, they often 'hold back' rather than smile fully or even cover their mouths when smiling or laughing.

Repairing a gummy smile is through gum recontouring called a gingivectomy. This procedure removes excess gum tissue around the teeth.

Because Dr. Andrews uses a dental laser to repair and recontour gum tissue, he can correct a gummy smile quickly and without sutures (stitches) needed. The laser also seals the

tissue as it works, so bleeding is either eliminated or minimal. Recovery time is typically a week or less.

Once the tissue has been removed, most people want to enhance the appearance of their teeth with porcelain veneers or crowns. This completes their new smile with a beautiful line, shade and shape of teeth.

If you know someone with a gummy smile, suggest they call **(843) 871-6351** for a no-cost consultation. Dr. Andrews will be happy to answer their questions and discuss the specifics of treatment during that time.

resist having much-needed dentistry because of perceived fears. *"If I can overcome dental fear, anybody can! There are things that can make you comfortable and Dr. Andrews will make sure you have no pain. You don't need to be afraid to go to the dentist if it's Dr. Andrews."*

Dr. Andrews adds, *"Today's comfort options are many, but what works for one person may be different for another. We like to take people through a pace that feels right for them once they feel they are in good hands in our care. When they have confidence and trust in us, I believe they are able to relax easier."*

If someone you know has fears associated with dentistry, call our office at **(843) 871-6351** and ask for a free, private consultation with Dr. Andrews. He'll be happy to answer any questions and discuss options for relaxation and comfort.

DR. ANDREWS ON THE RADIO!

Catch Dr. Andrews' interview on

WSC radio's 'Time for Seniors & Their Families'!



'Time for Seniors & Their Families' has been a program on **94.3 WSC talk radio** for many years. The program (*airing Sundays at 8:30am*) is hosted by Harry Fendrich, owner of Home Instead Senior Care and a respected businessman throughout the Charleston area.

Dr. Andrews will be featured **two Sundays in November** to discuss modern developments in dentistry. He'll emphasize enhanced comfort and the newest methods to replace and repair teeth.

Where Did The Year Go?!!

It's now November and patients are busy scheduling treatment they'd like to complete before the year's end. Many are trying to use available dental insurance coverage and some want procedures performed during end-of-year time off.

If you are considering treatment, **NOW** is the best time to discuss your procedure so adequate treatment time can be scheduled. Because some treatments can be started at the end of the calendar year and completed after the first of the new year, you can get a 'double dip' from some insurance coverages.

Let us help you maximize your insurance benefits for the treatment you desire through proper scheduling!

And don't forget, we also offer **CareCredit** if you're interested in financial options.

SEND A FRIEND'S SMILE!

Dr. Andrews is always happy to accept new patients and is especially appreciative when patients send friends, co-workers, and family members. Feel free to suggest others call us or visit our web site: www.SmilesByAndrews.com.

Thank You!