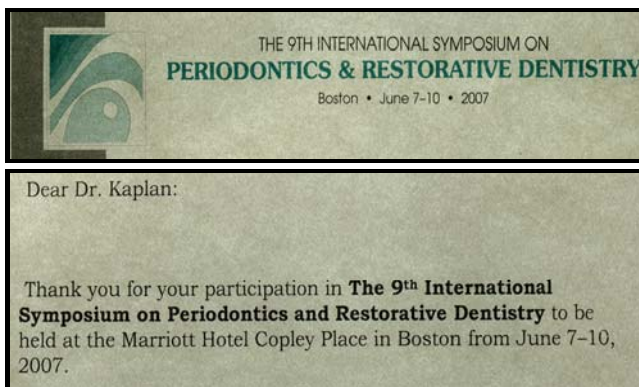


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At the Cutting Edge



Dental Health Information

Reflect a Beautiful Smile



When you smile in the mirror, are you reflecting pearly white teeth? Since first impressions are everything, make it memorable with a winning smile.

A dazzling “Hollywood smile” will boost your confidence to be successful in job interviews, meeting new people, or feeling confident when smiling.

Periodontal plastic surgery can help you “knock the socks off” of anyone by improving your smile.

Cosmetic surgery has become a popular trend since Americans are living longer and wanting to look as young as they feel. Periodontal plastic surgery has also felt this trend as it has experienced a significant shift toward cosmetic-related surgery to help make smiles last a lifetime.

Gummy Smile

If your teeth look short and your smile is gummy, crown lengthening might be your answer. During this procedure, excess gum tissue is removed to expose more of the crown of the tooth. The gum line is sculpted to give your smile just the right look.

Long Teeth

Gum recession can cause the tooth root to become exposed, and makes teeth look long. This can make you look older than you are. Recession can happen as a result of many causes, including periodontal diseases. Whatever the reason, exposed roots are unattractive and can leave you at risk of developing cavities on your tooth root.

Soft tissue grafts and other root coverage procedures are designed to cover exposed roots, to reduce further gum recession and to protect vulnerable roots from decay.

Missing Teeth

If you are missing teeth, dental implants might be your answer. Dental implants are a natural looking option compared with dentures or bridges because implants look and feel just like your own teeth. Implants also allow you to speak and eat with comfort and confidence. During this procedure, an artificial tooth root is placed into your jaw, and after a healing period, an artificial tooth is attached to the root.

Indentations in the Gums and Jawbone

Tooth loss can cause an indentation in the gums and jawbone where the tooth used to be. This happens because the jawbone recedes when it no longer is holding a tooth in place. This indentation is unnatural looking and can cause the replacement tooth to look longer than the adjacent teeth.

Ridge augmentation fills in this defect and recaptures the natural contour of the gums and jaw. A new tooth can then be created that is natural looking, easy to clean and beautiful.

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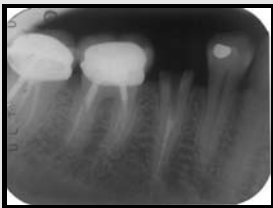
For more information about periodontal plastic surgery, talk to us. To view before-and-after photos of periodontal plastic surgery, visit the AAP Web site at www.perio.org.

Before and After

Before



The lower second premolar had been restored with a post-retained crown on a root treated tooth.



The root fractured and had to be extracted.

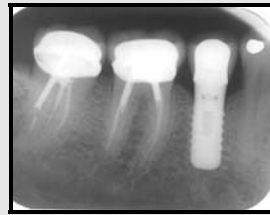
Word of Mouth

P.G, a middle-aged lady came to visit her family from Europe and needed dental care which was not available back home. We treated her and this is what she had to say afterwards... ..

“Thank you for everything, I feel like a new person, more confident and proud of what you have done for me.

See you next year, when I come to S.A.

**THANK YOU!
FOR YOUR TIME, PATIENCE AND
PROFESSIONALISM”**



An implant was placed to support a new crown.

After



A cost effective solution to provide long-term dental health without having to prepare a sound, healthy adjacent tooth.

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