

## ABOUT THE COVER

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This patient is a bright young woman who came to the United States only four years ago from Romania. In her second year in this country, she graduated from school and has since become a successful real estate agent in Chicago. She traveled almost an hour to get to our office and passed up many other dentists along the way because she was so impressed with our “before” and “after” photos. When she first entered our office, we saw a beautiful face and an outstanding personality to match. After seeing her smile and listening to her concerns, we knew that with a few esthetic changes, we could help her achieve a smile that would better reflect her overall beauty and the successful businesswoman she has become.

The patient had some long-time esthetic concerns, starting with the pink, darkened color of tooth #9. She also had some discolored composites on her surrounding teeth, and she was not happy with the overall color of her smile. After feeling embarrassed for many years, she wanted her smile to better reflect her youth and her new confidence.

After completing a comprehensive evaluation, I decided that a whitening, post and core, several composite fillings, and two Procera (Nobel Biocare; Yorba Linda, CA) crowns on teeth #8 and #9 would be the best treatment to achieve the patient’s esthetic desires. I used GC America (Alsip, IL) initial porcelain and a custom shade at the laboratory for the Procera crowns. These procedures took two visits to complete (approximately two hours of my time and four hours of office time).

I believe that this is a fine example of some simple procedures that, if done correctly and artistically, can make a tremendous difference in a person’s confidence and success. We feel very proud and privileged to be a part of our patient’s success.

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*Before*



*After*



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