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Veneers

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A smile reflects a person's inner self. A sparkling smile in harmony with the lips and face crowns the beauty of that person's character. As each smile is unique to that person, a beautiful smile should be one that is so suitable to the face and character of that particular patient that it appears to be perfectly natural.

Based on scientific fundamentals, each case of esthetic dentistry is a work of art which creates beauty through a diverse and unique combination of skills, with the subtle personal touch of the esthetic dentist to add the finishing touch. The dentist's perception, talent, artistic flare and skills in listening to the specific desires of his or her patient help to create a smile that suits the face and personality of each individual patient. If this were not so, all smiles would only be impersonally constructed prototypes.

Hundreds of scientific references have been used to present to you a book on "evidence-based dentistry". After reading this book, you will have been exposed to numerous comprehensive cases and will have gained access to valuable knowledge on all details of the PLV process.
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To Berna and Ali
Not that long ago dentists were mostly relied upon for the relief of pain and the restoration of decayed teeth. Everyone dreaded a trip to the dentist. A visit was associated with pain and one frequently left the office with teeth filled with silver amalgam, the generic restoration available at the time.

Esthetics, such an integral part of our lives today, was barely at the periphery of dental concerns. There were, of course, a handful of dentists who exercised the available esthetic dental options, but these options were time consuming, expensive and, unfortunately, frequently unattractive.

Change was inevitable. Awakened to beauty by the media, the public became aware of the importance of a beautiful smile. The dental profession, conscious of this growing demand, began a search for cosmetic restorations. Change came gradually. Many techniques and materials were tried and discarded. Progress was halting, often two steps forward and one step back.

1970 saw our first major breakthrough. Tooth bonding, a technique that rapidly, painlessly and much less expensively made teeth cosmetically beautiful, was born. Bonding, however, as extraordinary as it was, had a much greater effect on the dental profession than its originators ever imagined. It was a catalyst to a revolution. Dentistry would be changed forever. Bonded bridges, porcelain laminates and, infinitely stronger and more stable, all-porcelain crowns were just its immediate derivatives. Beyond that the profession expanded its perimeters.

Improvements in maintaining teeth both endodontically and periodontically were enhanced. Missing teeth were no longer automatically replaced with removable dentures - implants often rendered dentures unnecessary. A new era had arrived - a revolution in patient care with no end in sight.

And that is why this book is so valuable and important. It has circumscribed this revolution and detailed all the important changes that have occurred in our profession.

Nonetheless, my rationale for this foreword is not my appreciation of the book, but my respect for its author and his accomplishments. Dr. Galip Gurel, involved in a profession whose values were noble but antiquated, has in a relatively short time span changed Turkish dentistry.

Esthetic dentistry, although flourishing elsewhere, was unknown in Turkey. Dr. Gurel left his homeland to learn these revolutionary techniques,
but beyond learning them, he mastered them. He is currently lecturing and teaching dentists all over the world and his modern office is improving smiles daily. His efforts, beyond bolstering his reputation, have not only elevated the prestige of Turkish dentistry but have paved the way for recognition and appreciation of Turkey all over the world.

It was a monumental task Dr. Galip Gurel undertook, and after reading his book I find he has completed it exceptionally well, and I am certain that everyone who reads it will both appreciate and benefit from it.

Irwin Smigel, DDS
I have found that it is impossible truly to appreciate just how difficult it is to write a book. In fact, I now believe that only the writer, their family and those people of their inner circle can fully understand this daunting task. When I decided to undertake writing this book, I did not know how demanding and time-consuming a task it would be. The more that I researched, the deeper I was drawn into the material, and as I was drawn into it this incredible well of knowledge opened before me. It was actually difficult finally to stop myself and to filter through it all, while adding my own experiences and clinical work along with the photos and drawings to complete this book. The final task of arranging all this in the most presentable way possible in order to make it more readable for my colleagues was my most challenging undertaking. The key to this achievement was undoubtably the successful teamwork throughout this project.

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Dr. Galip Gurel
The appreciation and pleasure that we all derive from observing anything beautiful is part of basic human nature. A beautiful image conjures positive thoughts and feelings towards someone and also provides that person with a good self-image and gives them self-confidence.

The same applies to a person's spiritual and physical esthetics. I think that the coherence of physical and esthetical appearance, as well as being at peace with oneself, is what is known as "well being". Within the foundation of all these ideas, rather than the exaggeration of artificiality, we aim to achieve a plain, more natural appearance that brings out the innate good thoughts and feelings of humans. As the natural span of life has been prolonged in our time, so have changed the concepts of "middle aged", which is now perceived as young, and "old age", which no longer seems old to us. Parallel to this phenomenon are people now in search of a younger, more attractive, dynamic and youthful appearance.

Creative people who are gifted in terms of artistic talents, with a traditional culture enriched by internationally flavored gusto and who sense and enjoy the beautiful details of living, tend to offer other people the opportunity to appreciate pleasures that are hard to explain. This is clearly seen in music, fine arts, fashion and other social activities. The aim is to present these beautiful touches and feelings to people as if they had actually been present in their lives for years.

Just as walking and running are part of man's nature, so is laughter. The most prominent expression of joy even for the blind or deaf is through their laughter. So it only follows that a beautiful smile should accompany this laughter. When we consider "esthetic dentistry" within this framework, a well-planned and beautifully achieved smile is without doubt one of the major elements in the concept of this total image of "well being".

A sparkling smile, in coherence with the lips and face, reflects a person's character and life: a smile, individual to only that person, forever present with them and so natural that it appears always to have been a part of them.

This book was written to help the esthetic dentist in treating unesthetic alignment, color, shape or form of the teeth—in other words, enhancing the smile while enforcing function and occlusion. The book examines porcelain laminate veneers, the most successful non-invasive, prosthodontic application of dentistry in this decade, with all its pros and cons. When designed and delivered properly, PLVs are not only the most sparkling, natural, man-made form of esthetic dentistry but they do not appear in any way to be anything but innate, as if they were always a part of that person and their personality.
We have used hundreds of scientific references to present to you a book on "evidence-based dentistry". After working for 15 years with my mentors and with other successful dentists from the world of esthetic dentistry, and with the support of their research and help, I have developed some new techniques which I hope will make a contribution to the PLV world - specifically, Chapter 7, which has been designed as an atlas, and the sections involving teeth preparation for APR (Aesthetic Pre-recontouring) and APT (Aesthetic Pre-evaluative Temporaries), which I feel will become a part of all general practitioners' daily applications. I believe minimum tooth preparation is one of the most sensitive steps in PLV applications. I am sure that you will read with great interest about the techniques for nearly 100% accuracy in this process.

Chapters 3, 4 and 5, on the important topics of adhesion, color and occlusion, are written by doctors who are unequaled in their field. In addition, the supporting specialties in the periodontic, orthodontic, and patient education chapters were written by specialists in those fields.

The expectations the esthetic dentist has of the lab technician mean that we must fully understand the process of the production of PLVs in the laboratory. Some of the world's foremost ceramists have prepared photographs and illustrations of pressable ceramics, feldspathic refractory die, and platinium foil—all techniques which are clearly explained in Chapters 7, 9, and 10.

After reading this book you will have a very comprehensive and in-depth knowledge of the PLV process. Esthetic dentistry is an "art form", which provides us with a youthful, pleasing, alluring and beautiful smile that can only be achieved through a combination of the esthetic dentist's perception, talent and artistic flare along with their full understanding of the patient's desires. Otherwise, all smiles would be the same prototype, with no personalization and character to them.

If you do everything right, no jobs are more rewarding than those of the esthetic dentistry team of dentist, specialist, technician and patient. I wish you all the best for successful clinical work and professional satisfaction.

Dr. Galip Gurel
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