

## EDITORIAL

### THE AESTHETIC DIMENSIONS IN DENTISTRY

To restore a person's smile is an ultimate goal for the dentist as he sees his work shining in the smile. Health and preventative treatment were the top priorities when dentistry progressed gradually, but soon techniques for a more aesthetic and even appealing smile were explored. Cosmetic dentistry services have been developed to offer patients around the world with a smile they can feel proud of it. This area is gaining momentum on demand side throughout the world

Dentistry has progressed leaps and bounds during the last two decades as a result of modern day research. It has entered the era of Cosmetic/aesthetic dentistry clinically, whereas scientists at the research level successfully have introduced the regenerative cell therapies to regenerate the lost or diseased dental tissue. Regeneration of entire tooth in vitro from embryonic stem cells is one of the prominent examples of the cell therapy in the field of Dentistry.

New advancements like the introduction of CAD/CAM have revolutionized the field of cosmetic dentistry. Bleaching whitening agents for a brighter smile and zirconium dental veneers, composite filling become common practices whereas implants are a routine procedure for many dentists around the world.

Digital imaging devices like Dental CT, 3-D CBCT will make cosmetic procedures increasingly more precise, customized, and faster to administer. Introduction of advance technologies will attract more and more people to dentists for treatment that combines low maintenance oral health with a pleasing appearance and a 'perfect' smile. Reshaping, sizing, whitening, straightening, and alignment will remain the key factors, but new tools will make altering these aspects less invasive and more impactful than before. The new arena of aesthetics in dentistry offers a huge potential for further research owing to increasing demand.

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