Dear Reader,

Welcome to the second edition of Cosmetic Dentistry! In this issue we will be looking at some of the latest concepts of cosmetic dentistry, case reports as well as some of the politics surrounding cosmetic dentistry.

What exactly is cosmetic dentistry? The web based oracle that is Wikipedia defines it as ‘...any dental work that improves the appearance (though not necessarily the function) of a person’s teeth, gums and/or bite.’ This all sounds good but with the latest advances in materials, techniques, technology and patients expectations perhaps this definition is starting to be a little bit out of date as the boundaries between aesthetics and function become increasingly blurred.

The World Health Organisation defined Health as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, so in the context of cosmetic dentistry how important is function? Ok now I’ve gone a step too far, but as people attitudes and social norms change the practice of dentistry has had to evolve with it and here at cosmetic dentistry we are aiming at moving with the times to help you provide your patients with successful, predictable dentistry, whether it is functional, cosmetic or hopefully a bit of both.

As always I welcome your feedback,

Until next time,

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