

If You Can't Be A Star—Smile Like One

New Procedures and Experienced Specialists Put a Star-Like Smile Within Reach

(NAPSA)—You might not be jetting to your beachfront villa or posing for the paparazzi on the red carpet, but you can certainly smile like a celebrity.

In a recent survey that ranked the smiles of movie stars, 93 percent of Americans said that it was somewhat or very important for us non-stars to have a beautiful, healthy smile. The survey was conducted by Harris Interactive® on behalf of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), an association of dental specialists who are experts in esthetic and restorative dentistry.

Dr. David Eggleston, a prosthodontist who practices in the Los Angeles area, was not surprised by those results.

“It’s not just the stars—when you like your smile, you feel more confident,” said Dr. Eggleston. “With the advanced techniques available now, anyone can have a beautiful smile.”

The survey also showed that much of the American population would consider professional dental services to get that smile they’ve always wanted. As many as 61 percent would consider professional teeth whitening, and 41 percent would consider other procedures including caps, crowns or bridges to improve the look of their teeth.

However, Dr. Eggleston emphasized the importance of seeking out a specialist when considering any procedure. “Many dental professionals advertise that they perform miracles. Your teeth deserve a specialist, like a prosthodontist, who has undergone advanced training. We know how to create the perfect shape, color and place-



Source: American College of Prosthodontists

ment for every tooth, so they look identical to your natural teeth.”

According to the ACP, prosthodontists receive an additional three years of rigorous training following dental school and have the capabilities to provide excellent results with crowns, bridges, implants, dentures and other cosmetic and restorative procedures.

Some important questions to ask your doctor:

- How long have you been performing this procedure? Your doctor should have several years’ experience.

- What are your credentials? Education and experience are essential, but specialists, such as prosthodontists, have completed an advanced graduate residency program approved by the American Dental Association.

- Can I talk to some of your patients? A qualified dental specialist should be able to provide you with names of patients that have undergone your procedure. Ask about their satisfaction with the procedure.

For more information on finding a prosthodontist, visit www.findaprosthodontist.com or call 1-800-378-1260.