

Dr. Eric Fugier, America's "Best Dentist"

On botched cosmetic work

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"Everyone wants to look good," says world-renowned restorative and reconstructive celebrity dentist Dr. Eric Fugier. "It's all about natural beauty, excellence in dentistry,

and artistry. We use state-of-the-art technology and computer imaging because designing a smile is like designing clothes. You have to look at the face and the whole person."

And he really does treat the "whole person," having received honors in energy medicine as a doctor of naturopathic healing, and has been awarded "The Best Dentist in America" by his fellow dentists.

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After practicing in Monte Carlo, then doing postgraduate work at USC, Dr. Fugier worked with Dr. Charlie Pincus, celebrity dentist for Judy Garland, Shirley Temple, and Elizabeth Taylor, to name a few. Pincus is the inventor of the porcelain veneer. "Dr. Fugier learned from

the Galileo of teeth," says one happy patient. Fugier's own clientele includes movie and music icons and dignitaries from around the world. "At times they book the office for the whole day and bring their bodyguards," says Fugier with an endearing smile.



Patient's teeth before treatment



Patient's teeth after treatment

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The demand for elective dental work has grown considerably since Fugier first began. With over-commercialized cosmetic dentistry, some dentists are offering services they don't know how to perform properly. "There are so many botched jobs because dentistry is difficult. It requires the right technique along with experience and artistic ability." Dr. Fugier frequently receives cases where another dentist changed the spacing or height of the teeth, creating pain and problems that hadn't existed before.

"People are being sold cosmetic dentistry as if it were some easy, fun procedure. If it is not done right, you will have permanent damage. It's important for people to find someone really qualified, so they don't have to go through a nightmare," he says.

"Dr. Fugier is wonderful and knowledgeable," says one patient, who found Dr. Fugier after suffering through horrible pain.

"Not only is he esthetically fantastic, he's also structurally and physically meticulous. I will go to him until he or I pass away. We're a match!"

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