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# ABOUT THE COVER

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*Full face, before.*

## 10 DIRECT RESIN VENEERS, GINGIVAL CONTOUR/LIFT, WHITENING OF LOWER TEETH

Akane lives near the North Shore of the Hawaiian island of Oahu, and thus traveled a great distance to our Honolulu office, hoping to find a way to improve her smile. She was unhappy with her “gummy” smile, her “small” teeth, and the fact that they tilted lingually while not filling her buccal corridor. She wanted her smile to be fuller, brighter, less “gummy” in appearance, and more “mature-looking.” Time was a factor, as she also wanted the work to be completed before she left for a trip to a family wedding the following month. Akane was given several different treatment options, from orthodontics to indirect porcelain veneers to direct resin veneers. Considering Akane’s age, esthetic problems, dental health, and time constraints, direct resin veneers were the perfect choice to address all of her cosmetic concerns. After carefully reviewing all her options, Akane decided to go with resin veneers. They were placed on the upper anteriors in conjunction with a gingival lift and re-contour. Whitening was also done on her lower opposing teeth. The front six anterior veneers and gingival contours were done on the first day. She returned the following day for treatment of the remaining four bicuspids. (See page 76 for a clinical article about this case.)

Akane is overjoyed with her new smile, and that has increased her confidence in general. She was already beautiful, but now her smile complements as well as completes her. We felt it was only appropriate to combine photographs of her beautiful smile with a gorgeous beach background. The scenic backdrop allowed us not only to showcase Akane’s new smile, but also the unique ambiance of the Hawaiian Islands and its people.

### PATIENT’S STATEMENT

*“I had always wanted a beautiful, confident smile, and had considered cosmetic dentistry for many years. My small, uneven teeth looked very childish and I was self-conscious about smiling, laughing, and taking photographs. I did not want to do anything invasive or aggressive; Dr. Do discussed options and procedures that better suited my needs. The results are far beyond my expectations! I am thrilled with my makeover, and it shows. This has been a life-changing experience, achieved in a very short time. I am eternally grateful for Dr. Do’s skill.”*

Dentistry: Keri Do, DDS, Honolulu, Hawaii. Patient: Akane, Oahu, Hawaii. Photographer: Garrett Nose, Honolulu, Hawaii. *AK*



*Before*



*After*

*"This has been a life-changing experience..." ~ Akane*

