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Confidence in your practice
Credibility in your training
Captivating results

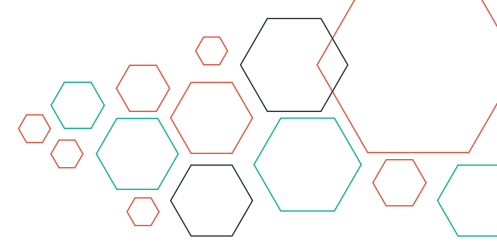
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The AACD Mission

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The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry® (AACD) is dedicated to advancing excellence in the art and science of comprehensive cosmetic dentistry and encouraging the highest standards of ethical conduct and responsible patient care. The AACD fulfills its mission by: offering superior educational opportunities; promoting and supporting a respected Accreditation credential; serving as a user-friendly and inviting forum for the creative exchange of knowledge and ideas; and providing accurate and useful information to the public and the profession.

Dedicated to Cosmetic Dentistry



In December of 1984, 60 dentists answered the call of AACD founder Dr. Jack Kammer and co-founder Dr. Jeff Morley. This visionary group met in Las Vegas to create an organization devoted to the art and science of cosmetic dentistry. From this small gathering of dedicated individuals, the AACD has matured into the world's largest organization for cosmetic dental professionals. Over the years, hundreds of professionals have selflessly served the Academy as officers, board members, and volunteers.

The AACD continues to grow and now includes more than 6,000 dental professionals including dentists, laboratory technicians, educators, and researchers from 70 countries worldwide. This global perspective allows AACD Members to gather information from the international field of cosmetic dentistry.

With the formation of the Accreditation and Fellowship Programs, the AACD began offering the most stringent and respected credentialing programs in cosmetic dentistry to both dentists and laboratory technicians. Accreditation, the *Journal of Cosmetic Dentistry*, and AACD's cutting-edge Annual Scientific Session have solidified the Academy's position as the leading cosmetic dental organization in the world. AACD Members are recognized as professionals dedicated to continually improving their skills and gaining knowledge to provide the life-changing benefits of cosmetic dentistry every day.



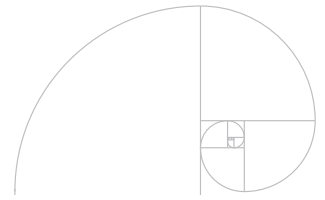
Join Us for the Prestige and the Many Benefits

When you join the AACD, you become part of our family –a family of dedicated cosmetic dental professionals. Members of the Academy include cosmetic and reconstructive dentists, dental laboratory technicians, dental auxiliaries, dental hygienists, educators, researchers, and students. This cross functional mix of passionate practitioners is what makes AACD unique and what allows you to network with and receive—and impart—encouragement and support to other cosmetic dental professionals from around the world.

The AACD offers you the opportunity to become part of an exclusive group of dedicated cosmetic dental professionals. The AACD offers members:

- Comprehensive, world-class continuing education, including conferences, a peer-reviewed journal, and virtual learning
- A pathway to AACD Accreditation and Fellowship - the pinnacle of clinical mastery
- Philanthropic opportunities and the chance to give back a smile.

Global Esthetics



An assessment of dental esthetics begins, quite simply, with the smile. If the images we are so intently evaluating are of beauty and healthy teeth, then the frame that encircles these players on the stage are the soft tissue of the supporting structures, the lips, and their orientation in the face. Global esthetics focuses on these criteria which are observed in unretracted smiles: how the smile orients to the face.

Criteria that constitute the global esthetic parameters are the:

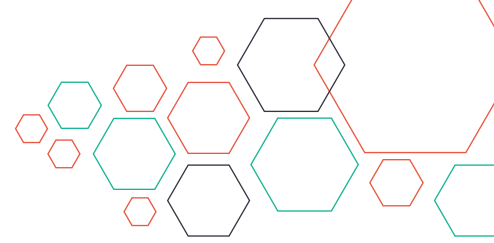
- Smile Line
- Midline
- Incisal Edge Position
- Incisal Plane
- Buccal Corridor

Macro Esthetics



As we begin to narrow our study of the elements of smile design beyond the components related to the orientation of the smile in the face and how it is enveloped by the soft tissue, our focus shifts toward the elements of macro esthetics. Macro esthetics relates to the shape and contours of teeth. Understanding the importance of these contours within the functional matrix will help to ensure a predictable esthetic outcome.

Micro Esthetics



As we continue to concentrate on the details necessary to replicate nature, our next focus is micro esthetics.

Micro esthetics are those criteria related to the subtle intricacies of shade, textures, translucencies, and surface effects that make teeth look like teeth. These aid us in fooling the eye and allowing restorations to blend invisibly into the smile.



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AACD Accreditation & Fellowship

Education,
Inspiration,
Motivation,
Profitability

AACD Accreditation

The Accreditation process, which was developed by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and is the world's most recognized advanced cosmetic dentistry credentialing program, encourages further education, interaction with like-minded colleagues, and the opportunity for professional growth. Accreditation requires dedication to continuing education and responsible patient care.



The AACD Accreditation Process

1. WRITTEN EXAMINATION

- Apply for and take the written examination at Annual AACD Scientific Session or at a Castle Testing Center
- After passing, the five-year time period begins
- Attend the two required workshops:
 - Accreditation Workshop
 - Criteria Workshop
- Written examination and two required courses must be successfully completed prior to submitting clinical cases, but do not need to be completed in any particular order.



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2. SUBMISSION OF CLINICAL CASES

The Required Case Types

There are five case types that dentists must successfully complete and three cases for laboratory technicians. These cases will allow the individual pursuing Accreditation to demonstrate excellence in a range of disciplines that cover important aspects of cosmetic dentistry.

I. Six or More Indirect Restorations (treating upper incisors and canines)

II. One or Two Indirect Restorations (treating upper incisors*; adjacent teeth must have no indirect restorations) *Edentulous space and or implant does not qualify as treating upper incisors.

III. Tooth Replacement (options: laboratory fabricated bridge or implant)

IV. Class IV Direct Resin Restoration: Replacing at least 10% of the facial surface (treating upper incisors). Options: Class IV or diastema closure.

V. Six or More Direct Resin Veneers (treating upper incisors and canines) (technique case)

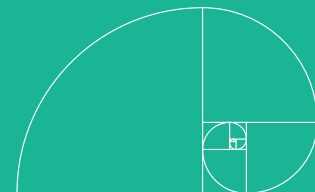
After all clinical cases have passed, candidate receives invitation to oral examination

For more information about the clinical case types, visit www.aacd.com/accreditationprocess



3. ORAL EXAMINATION

The Accreditation Oral Examination is an opportunity for the candidate to verify and authenticate passed casework and treatment planning abilities. The candidate may be asked questions about case selection, diagnosis and treatment planning, or materials and techniques on any of their passed clinical case submissions. Knowledge should clearly demonstrate a familiarity and understanding of these cases. The candidate will also be presented with information regarding a pre-selected case. Adequate time will be allowed for the individual to formulate a treatment plan, which will then be shared and discussed. Additional questions may be asked that cover related topics considered relevant by the examiners.





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Case Type 1



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Case Type 2



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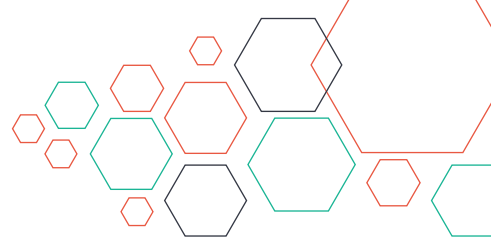
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Case Type 3



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AACD Fellowship

Fellowship is the highest level of achievement available to American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry® members. The status of Accredited Fellow of the AACD is granted after completion of all requirements and is in accordance with the AACD's mission of education and excellence.

To learn more about the Fellowship process visit aacd.com/fellowship.

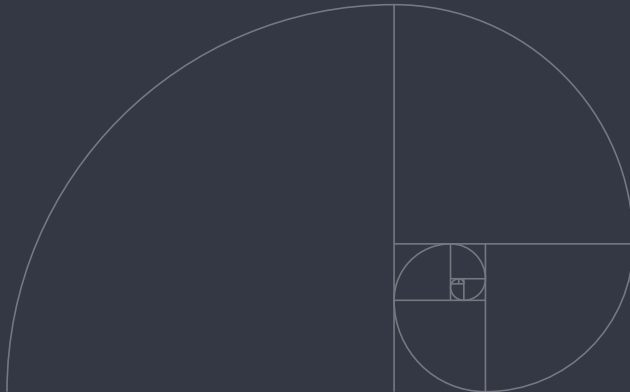
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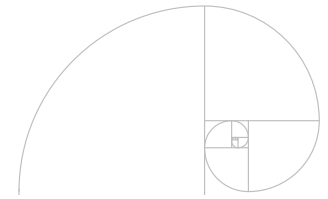
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Clinical Tip #1

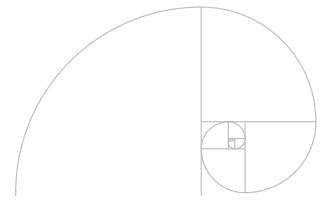


Shade Selection

- Quality photography is essential!
- Make sure shade tab lines up with the tooth being photographed
- Polarized lenses help visualize anatomy
- Black and white photos are useful for evaluating value



Clinical Tip #2



Composite

- Choose a composite that works best in YOUR hands
- Be knowledgeable of characterization tints and opaquers but use SPARINGLY
- Do not over polish; restore the natural anatomy and luster of the dentition



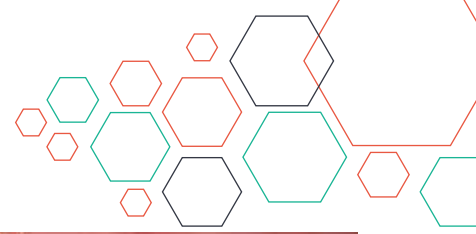
Clinical Tip #3

Anterior Crowns and Veneers

- Laboratory communication is CRITICAL
- Patient communication is even more CRITICAL
- Whenever possible, leave your preparation in enamel to ensure the strongest possible bond strength



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Why Become Accredited?



“To be honest, I wondered the same thing myself. But speaking from personal experience, Accreditation has fundamentally changed the way I look at a smile. And since I’ve completed the Accreditation process, I will always judge my results against those high standards.”

John Weston, DDS, FAACD



Be inspired –
Join the AACD
and take your
clinical skills
to the
NEXT LEVEL.

Responsible Esthetics

Members of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry stand for the practice of responsible esthetics. That means AACD is the primary dental resource for patients as they strive to maintain their health, function, and appearance for their lifetime. We believe that esthetic dentistry must complement the overall general and oral health of the patient and do no harm. So we strongly encourage treatment decisions based on the foundation of evidence-based protocols combined with sound clinical judgment.

“Responsible Esthetics represents the commitment to use science and discipline to provide dentistry that is the most appropriate for each individual patient. AACD Accreditation exemplifies this standard.”



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