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Dental health care has taken several steps forward in the last decade, so have cosmetic periodontal procedures. In society we have discovered that our smiles say a lot about us. Having white straight teeth has become a sensation that has driven cosmetic dentistry to extraordinary heights. In my 30 years of experience I have found transforming gum tissue whether it is covering exposed roots, to making teeth look longer and more natural, my lip repositioning procedure has been one of the most transforming cosmetically for my patients. **Lip repositioning** is a surgical procedure that restricts the top lip to lessen the amount of exposed gum tissue. After healing the teeth are framed by your lips, eliminating the exposure of protruding gums.

I have had several patients of all age groups complain about gummy smiles, most commonly the recommended procedure was to take away gum above the crowns of the teeth to make the teeth appear longer, unfortunately patients were not getting the desired results of covering up excess gums, thus another procedure was incorporated into periodontal dentistry to correct and give the desired look of a lower top lip.

This corrective surgical procedure is ground breaking because it is able to correct excess gums in one appointment, the procedure is just as effective for men as it is for women and the cost is very affordable. In my office I have seen the results of this procedure give patients the confidence to smile in public. This has been a very liberating procedure for most patients who have it done.

Keeping individuality and a natural, light moveable lip is what my ultimate goal is for each patient. Having built my practice on patient satisfaction and trust being able to give my patients a great look with total function is the most rewarding.

