Esthetic Treatment Planning

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Facial Analysis

Treatment Alternatives
Orthognathic surgery

Diagnosis
Retrognathic
Prognathic
Mid-face deficient
Long lower 1/3 face

Start Outside
What's the skeletal profile?
What is the lip dynamic?
Analysis of the Gummy Smile

Six basic reasons for the gummy smile:
Anterior over eruption
Wear with compensatory eruption
Altered passive eruption
Short upper lip
Vertical maxillary excess
Hyper-mobile lip

Required photos:
Full face lips at rest
Full face profile lips at rest
Exaggerated “E” position

These reasons can be better organized in two categories:
Facial/lip related
Short upper lip
Vertical maxillary excess
Hyper-mobile lip
Dental related
Anterior over eruption
Wear with compensatory eruption
Altered passive eruption

Rule out dentally related reasons first. Ask three questions:
Is there excess wear?
Does the anterior gingival plane consistent with the posterior gingival plane?
Is the width to length ratio of anterior teeth normal?
Short upper lip
Commissure and philtrum heights will differ 3 mm or greater
Interlabial space greater than 5 mm

Vertical maxillary excess
Interlabial space greater than 5 mm
Long lower 1/3 of face in comparison to middle and upper independently

Hyper-mobile lip
Commissure and philtrum heights will have less than 3 mm difference
Interlabial space less than 5 mm

Anterior Smile:
Are the upper incisors edges in the right position?
Are the upper incisors the correct proportion?

Treatment Alternatives:
Restore
Reposition (ortho)
Reshape
Surgery

Diagnosis:
Upper incisor inclination
Upper incisor edge position
Width to Length ratio/Gingival levels

Are the incisor edges in the right position?
Check Horizontally
Check Vertically
Neutral zone determines tooth position

Supported by upper lip
Determined by lower lip
Too far forward
Too far back
Too long
Too short
Vertical Position (see image below)

Right proportions:
• Check width to length ratio

Posterior Smile

Is the buccal corridor deficient?
Is there a gingival step?