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# Behind the Smiles



Identical twins Megan and Morgan had just completed orthodontic treatment and faced the common dilemma of residual space in the maxillary anterior due to peg maxillary lateral incisors. Immediately after having their braces removed, the girls presented for comprehensive examinations, with the specific goal of correcting the spaces in their smiles.

The two treatment options presented to Megan, Morgan, and their mother were minimal preparation porcelain veneers versus direct resin veneers. After considering the benefits and risks of each option, we concluded that direct resin veneers would be the best and most conservative treatment for their situation.

The AACD is well known for the high caliber of instruction and hands-on courses that prepare dentists to predictably and esthetically layer composite resin using a diagnostic wax-up and a silicone putty index. In the case of Megan and Morgan and their near-identical mouths, it was a perfect opportunity to illustrate just how predictable this method truly is.

The sisters were relaxed as four different composite shades were carefully layered, contoured, and polished. It was fun to watch them enthusiastically examine the other's smile after we finished. They returned the following week for evaluation and final photographs. Portraits were also done in our office photography studio; these were later framed and given to the sisters as our way of saying "thank you for trusting us with your smiles."

For more information on the treatment of these twin patients, please see the Clinical Cover Story, beginning on page 47.

Megan Preoperative



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