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Is Your Smile Not What It Used to Be?

Check the boxes for anything you've noticed, and bring this to your visit. Each one usually has a specific cause.

Occasionally it's one problem with one fix. More often, the problems are stacked: a little wear, a few chips, an old crown failing at the edge, gums pulling back. Fixing the one that bothers you most doesn't touch the others, which is why we look at the whole mouth first.

- [ ] **Teeth turning yellow or brown**
  Surface stain, color inside the tooth, or enamel worn thin so the darker tooth underneath shows through. Whitening only fixes stain. Crowns and fillings don't whiten at all.

- [ ] **Teeth getting shorter**
  Wear from acid, grinding or hard brushing, usually a mix. Acid is the one that gets missed. Enamel never grows back.

- [ ] **Edges look see-through, or teeth keep chipping**
  Enamel thin enough to see through. That's the stage before chipping, while the fix is still small.

- [ ] **Cold hurts at the gum line, or there's a notch**
  The gum has pulled back and exposed the root. A notch means tooth is being lost at its neck.

- [ ] **Gums bleed, or are pulling back**
  Usually the earliest sign of gum trouble. Caught early it's reversible. Bone lost to gum disease doesn't grow back.

- [ ] **Getting cavities again**
  Decay peaks again around 70: exposed roots, medications that dry the mouth, and old fillings and crowns failing at their edges.

- [ ] **A dark line around an old crown**
  Usually the metal underneath showing. On a crown with no metal, it can mean a problem at the seam.

- [ ] **An old crown or filling cracked, chipped or failing**
  Most replacements come down to decay at the edge or chipped porcelain. Caught early, some can be repaired.

- [ ] **Teeth shifting, or new gaps opening up**
  The forces on your teeth never stop. When a tooth is lost, the neighbors drift and tip into the space.

- [ ] **Your bite feels different**
  A jaw joint change (a joint that used to pop and stopped), a worn cusp or broken tooth, or a lost tooth.

- [ ] **Missing teeth**
  An implant, a bridge or a denture, and whether the tooth really had to go in the first place.

- [ ] **It feels like everything is going at once**
  The problems are stacked, and fixing one tooth at a time keeps losing ground. That's when the whole mouth is planned together.

- [ ] **A bridge that feels loose**
  If it isn't dealt with, it can mean losing a tooth or teeth. Call us sooner rather than later.

Also tell us

Medications you take: _____

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Family who lost their teeth, and roughly when: _____

Last dental visit (roughly): _____

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What each change means