

DR. GARY MICHAELSON

WHY DID YOU BECOME A DENTIST As a young adult I fractured my front tooth and was amazed at the capabilities dentistry presented **ATTRIBUTES THAT MAKE A DENTIST SUCCESSFUL** Artistry. Having an artistic eye is an integral component when deciding color and contour **FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB** The first time a patient sees their new smile is a very fulfilling moment. I see an immediate change in self-image **WHAT FASCINATES YOU MOST ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY** It's healing capabilities **ALTERNATIVE OCCUPATION** Travel consultant **WHAT ONE LIFESTYLE CHANGE COULD MOST BENEFIT OUR HEALTH** Diet **I'M NEVER WITHOUT** The support of my wife



INSIDE INFORMATION

PORCELAIN VENEERS: TAILOR MADE

"Nothing says health and youth like a captivating smile," says Dr. Michaelson. "Most people are not born with a gorgeous smile and they often turn to cosmetic dentistry to give them the smile they always wanted." Teeth that are misshapen, crooked or stained can be transformed with **PORCELAIN VENEERS** (thin shells of porcelain that are bonded to the facing of the teeth) in just a few visits. Although mainly cosmetic, veneers can also restore health and function to teeth that have been worn down, broken or otherwise compromised. "Oftentimes it's not just the teeth that need alterations but also the surrounding gum tissue," says Dr. Michaelson, who works closely with an **IN-HOUSE PERIODONTIST** to help shape the gums and the existing tooth structure prior to fitting a patient with veneers. Next, a **PRECISE MODEL** is made from an impression and it's sent to a lab to create the permanent veneers. Finally, the permanent veneers are bonded to the patient's original tooth structures, leaving a beautiful, healthy smile.

meditations on a smile

Reaching a state of bliss in a dentist's office sounds a bit far-fetched, but then again you've probably never visited the Alafaya Center for Cosmetic Dentistry, an impressive Orlando practice where gorgeous smiles are birthed in a spa-like environment.

The visionary behind this soothing dental practice is Dr. Gary Michaelson, who has been in practice in east Orlando since 1990. Over the past 15 years he has traveled the country and spent thousands of hours in seminars and other continuing education courses to stay current on advances in the field. Dr. Michaelson has dedicated himself to the art and science of cosmetic dentistry and is committed to excellence, as is his carefully selected professional dental team. When it comes to his patients' comfort, nothing is spared. The interiors, scented with aromatherapy candles, tickle the senses and set the tone for this one-of-a-kind dental visit. A variety of refreshments are served in the reception area, which looks more like a cozy living room than a medicinal dental office. During treatments—ranging from porcelain veneers and bonding to whitening and crowns—patients have a choice of several complimentary spa amenities to settle nervous jitters. Paraffin wax therapy, heated back massagers, lumbar pillows, heated neck wrap, and chilled eye compresses make patients feel completely pampered. The patients at this practice agree that it's a shining example of spa dentistry at its finest. 407-381-3000 or newbeauty.com/michaelson.



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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Cosmetic Bonding
Porcelain Crowns
Porcelain Inlays/Onlays
Porcelain Veneers

LOCATION

Orlando, Florida

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