



He is analytical, technically precise, and uncompromising. She is compassionate, innovative, and artistic. The cosmetic dentistry team of Drs. Ramin Tabib and Elisa Mello combines their unique skills and perspectives to transform their patients' smiles—and lives. "There are people who are completely held back by crooked or rotated teeth, and their personalities are hidden behind their smile," explains Dr. Tabib. "We do life-enhancing smile makeovers."

To create these dramatic improvements, it helps to have two complementary sets of skills at their Upper East Side practice, *NYC Smile Design*. Dr. Mello's areas of concentration include orthodontics, gum reshaping, and smile design, while Dr. Tabib focuses on full-mouth reconstructions and veneers. Together, the two doctors provide a thoroughly comprehensive treatment approach.

"When you have concerns about your smile, such as gaps, stains, or crooked teeth, there are usually several issues to be considered," says Dr. Mello. "Which treatments would work best for each patient: gum-reshaping, moving teeth to new positions, or veneering?" To find the answers, Drs. Tabib and Mello consider everything from face shape, to skin tone, to age when designing a smile that will enhance a patient's appearance. The goal is always to keep everything in balance and harmony, and to retain the uniqueness of each patient's features. "It's one thing to know technically how to make beautiful teeth, and quite another to know how to make a smile that makes the patient look beautiful," says Dr. Mello.

The doctors believe that achieving dramatic results doesn't require invasive procedures—they prefer a "less-is-more" approach, Dr. Tabib explains, "Being conservative should not compromise the patient's desired outcome as long as you have the skills, talent, and necessary knowledge to work toward your goals."

Their goals are reached using non-invasive, state-of-the-art, innovative technologies. These include *Invisalign*, high-magnification scopes to prepare veneers, and a *WaterLase*—the only laser that uses water for procedures, making the healing process faster and more comfortable.

Drs. Tabib and Mello also have designed their office to create a welcoming, relaxed and reassuring environment for treatment. They offer their patients a number of special touches: coffee, tea, and cappuccino in the waiting area; sedation (if desired) during treatment; Tempurpedic massage chairs, DVD players and iPods in the procedure rooms; and post-procedure transportation.

All of the extra attention to detail is worth the effort when the doctors see their patients finally blossom. Dr. Mello says, "Once patients are able to smile with confidence, often for the first time in many years, their personalities really start to shine through." Dr. Tabib adds, "We've had patients who've told us that we've changed their lives."

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