

dentistry in the details

Whether she's administering the latest cosmetic dental procedure or performing a preventative care exam, Dr. Denise Acierno takes attention to detail to an entirely new level. "I focus as much on oral health as I do on aesthetics," she explains. "Educating patients on proper tooth and gum care is essential to the creation of a beautiful smile."



DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY
University of Michigan

AFFILIATIONS
American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry
American Dental Association
Chicago Dental Association
Michigan Dental Association

AREAS OF EXPERTISE
Complete Smile Makeovers
Veneers
Cosmetic Bonding
Crown and Bridge
Dental Implants
Teeth Whitening

LOCATION
Royal Oak, Michigan

Dr. Acierno's Royal Oak, Michigan practice is situated in an upscale, cobblestone residential district across from a playground. The converted home where she hangs her shingle feels more like a friend's living room than a dental office—tranquil colors, comfy furniture, embroidered throw pillows and healthy snacks invite relaxation. Once a patient reclines into the treatment chair, Egyptian cotton blankets and lavender hand dips sweep away any lingering apprehension. Then it's on to the business at hand. Dr. Acierno's practice philosophy can be summed up quite simply: "Inform before you perform." A self-described perfectionist, Dr. Acierno typically prescribes a soft tissue management program for her patients prior to embarking on requested cosmetic work. Dr. Acierno is a big proponent of oral cancer screening, oral hygiene instruction, and nutritional counseling. "You can't achieve a cosmetically beautiful smile without addressing underlying health issues first." 248-548-6365 or newbeauty.com/acierno.



DR. DENISE ACIERNO

WHY DID YOU BECOME A COSMETIC DENTIST

I worked at a dental office while in high school. It was my first exposure to the field as a possible career and I was intrigued

WHAT FASCINATES YOU MOST ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY

The fine equilibrium between the physiology and anatomy

HEALTH AND BEAUTY TIP

Drink Fiji water for the minerals, floss, take multiple vitamins and ingest antioxidants like those found in green tea, blueberries and pomegranate seeds

ALTERNATIVE OCCUPATION

Dancer or pathologist

PLACE YOU GO TO ESCAPE THE OFFICE

I live for vacations

RIGHT NOW I'M READING

Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden

FAVORITE QUOTE

Control your destiny or someone else will, by Jack Welch

A MARRIAGE OF ART AND SCIENCE

Dr. Acierno's childhood training in fine art and her undergraduate degree in science greatly influence her work today. "Cosmetic dentistry is a perfect blend of art and science. With the advanced technology we have at our fingertips, we can envision and design a smile the way an accomplished artist creates a masterpiece." One technique Dr. Acierno frequently applies her artistic hand to is **BONDING**, often layering the materials on the tooth to achieve a **NATURAL TRANSLUCENT FINISH**. "I can incorporate three different shades, an opaque first layer, a transition shade and then a clear top coat, with stunning results," she says. "The materials today are amazing and so much more resilient than in year's past." With many patients initially requesting bleaching, veneers and bonding, Dr. Acierno always begins treatment with a full diagnostic **WAX-UP**. "This acts as a roadmap and helps me detail the right course of action," she explains. "Some patients may require a referral to an orthodontist, an oral surgeon or a periodontist. At my practice, we embrace the team approach."

INSIDE INFORMATION