



Smiles by

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*Welcome to an extraordinary experience in dental care.*

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**Welcome !**

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## Identifying the root of intense tooth sensitivity

In some cases, tooth sensitivity can become so severe that a trip to the dentist is in order.

When you suffer from extreme sensitivity, your dentist will take x-rays of your teeth to help determine the cause in order to treat it effectively. (For example, if your fillings or crowns aren't fitting properly, the culprit may be exposed nerve endings.) Your dentist may also try to pinpoint the cause by asking a series of questions, including the last time you had a professional cleaning, whether or not you bleach your teeth, and how many times a day you brush and floss. He or she may also squirt your teeth with cold air or water to determine where the sensitivity is coming from.

Once the cause and location are identified, in-office procedures can be performed, such as painting exposed

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root surfaces with the same material used to fill cavities, coating teeth with fluoride to strengthen the enamel, or deep cleaning. As a last resort, your dentist may perform a root canal to remove the dental nerve, stopping sensitivity at the source.



### **Celebrity smiles that win us over**

Once you've decided it's time for a smile makeover, it's not unusual to bring along a photo of a celebrity – especially **Angelina Jolie**. According to the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the gorgeous Oscar winner, philanthropist and super-mom is the most popular pick among patients.

And those dentists are happy to oblige! More than half of the dental professionals polled in a recent survey chose Jolie's as the sexiest celebrity smile. Keeping her company and indisputably defeating the male competition is British actor **Clive Owen**.

Both thespians boast bright, straight teeth with a natural, individual look that perfectly suits their faces. Similar results are achievable through orthodontics, bleaching, or more extensive procedures like veneers. The eye is naturally attracted to characteristics that have a symmetrical and harmonious appeal. This is one of the key differences that Dr. Firouzian applies to cosmetic procedures. When cosmetic dentistry is approached with that level of attention to detail, the end result is a natural and appealing quality that enhances the facial features and is absolutely beautiful. Your friends will never know what you did just tell you how beautiful/handsome you appear. If you have had cosmetic dentistry done in our office, you know what we mean!

*Have a beautiful weekend!*

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