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G U M D I S E A S E A N D D I A B E T E S C A R E

Treatment for Gum Disease May Reduce Costs for Diabetes Care

People with diabetes may have a new way to save costs on treatment. A new study from CIGNA shows that there may be a correlation between treating periodontal disease and diminished medical costs for diabetes patients. The study was unveiled at the International Association for Dental Research in San Diego. This new finding backs up the previous CIGNA

research regarding treating gum disease and the effect it has on diabetes.

This new information was generated after analyzing the result of patients who were treated for gum disease in the first year and then received regular maintenance treatment. The results were then compared to patients who did not receive the regular maintenance work.

The ensuing medical costs were about 23 percent lower for patients who had undergone the necessary gum disease care and regular maintenance, according

to the study.

This study gives more credence to the idea that it's essential for people with diabetes to maintain proper care on their gums. This is done by regular visits to the dentist or periodontist. They can ensure better health and save money by doing so. This study was done over a three-year period from 2006 through 2008. More than 46,000 people were considered in the study



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and it included people with CIGNA coverage from ages 18-62. The cost analysis was done for about 3,500 patients.

D E N T A L V E N E E R S

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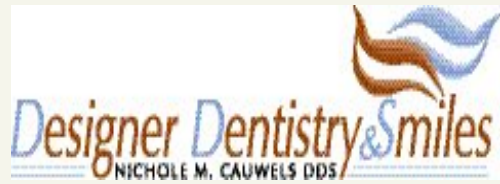
lain. A composite veneer may be directly placed, or indirectly fabricated by a dental technician in a dental laboratory.

A dentist may use one veneer to restore a single tooth that may have been fractured or discolored, or multiple teeth to create a "Hollywood" type of makeover. Many people have small teeth resulting in spaces that may not be easily closed by ortho-

dontics.

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GETTING TO KNOW CHANDRA

Chandra was born and raised in Akron, IA and moved to Sioux Falls a little over a year ago now. She did her Dental Assisting through Western Iowa Tech in Sioux City, IA. Chandra loves visiting with patients and making them feel comfort-

able in the dental chair. Outside of work Chandra loves to be outside and is trying to make gardening, her new hobby. She is kept busy by her almost 3 year old and planning a 2012 spring wedding.

