

Every Patient Needs a KNIGHT

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After going to nine specialists, Tanya Pellegrini was more than discouraged; she was mortified at the thought of losing all her teeth; especially when it was a common dental procedure that caused her condition.

“No one wants to lose their teeth in their 40’s!” said Tanya Pellegrini. “But, that’s what I was being told by nearly every dentist in town. I was going to lose all my teeth and the best they could do was to make them look better until they fell out. That didn’t make sense to me. I kept looking for someone with the right answer.”

Fortunate for Tanya, she found Dr. Saeid Mohtashami of AllBright Dental here in Las Vegas. “Tanya takes very good care of her teeth,” said Dr. Mohtashami. “However, she was a bit unlucky. She had four bicuspids removed for Orthodontic reasons. This was and still is a common way to do braces. The Orthodontist removed the teeth to create space and align the teeth. Then Tanya wore rubber bands to close the space of the missing teeth. Often times this works, but there are many times when by doing so, this pushes the front teeth back into the jaw and creates Anterior Interferences. Meaning that the upper and lower front teeth are too much in contact

and are therefore not allowing for enough contact on the posterior (back) teeth. This not only creates bite problems like TMJ. It can cause bone loss which may lead to gum problems and is not esthetically pleasing. It gives the patient a very narrow arch, which can look like you don’t have very many teeth. These were all Tanya’s problems.”

As the practice manager for an ENT & facial plastic surgery practice (Drs. Joel Lubritz and Fina Nasri), Tanya knows a little about what a patient should be told and how a patient should be treated. “I had met nine specialists before meeting with Dr. Mohtashami,” said Tanya. “And after all of the disappointment I knew very quickly that I had finally found the right place. Not only did he tell me that he could help, he explained exactly what was wrong, why it was wrong and then he said he wouldn’t even perform the procedures unless I agreed to have my bite alignment fixed first. He said that if I didn’t do



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that, all the rest didn't matter. It too would amount to patchwork. That's integrity!"

"I insisted that she have the bite alignment fixed first and foremost," said Dr. Mohtashami. "She didn't even know this was her biggest problem. She thought it was her gum issues. Alleviating the misaligned bite would relieve the extreme pressure she was putting on the front teeth, help to repair her gums, her spacing problems and her debilitating migraine headaches. She also didn't know this was the cause of the extreme headaches she had been experiencing for years and years (since her orthodontics work)."

He continued, "Tanya was a special case in many ways. Her situation was a bad one. If she didn't get the right help soon, she was in danger of losing her teeth. That would have been tragic because it was dentistry that created her condition. If she had found the problem sooner it would have been an easier fix and not so dramatic for her. Instead, she has suffered for years and as of late, been very worried about losing her teeth. I am so glad she found us."

Tanya is more than pleased with the results too. "Dr. Mohtashami and his team are awesome. They are so friendly and professional. They took the time to care at every interval of my treatment. It was all about me; my comfort, my fears and

making sure that I received the absolute best medical treatment possible. Dr. Mohtashami is truly a doctor, not just a dentist. He made everything as perfect as he could possibly make it; my bite, my gums; every single tooth.

"I have to tell you something else. Against his recommendations for my perfect smile, he made my smile exactly the way I wanted it. My sister and I have always admired the old Hollywood movie star photos and their large smiles. That's what I wanted and that's what I got. I love this smile of mine and everyone notices because I'm always smiling from ear to ear. As someone who's been working in the medical field for more than 15 years, my hat is off to him. He's simply the best!"



Tanya Before

