

DR. EDWARD J. MILLS

WHY DID YOU BECOME A DENTIST I love meeting a wide spectrum of people **WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO COSMETIC DENTISTRY** Restorative dentistry is a perfect fit for my life. I'm able to care for people by utilizing scientific methodology in an artistic manner **HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK DO YOU WORK** I treat patients on average 45 hours per week and lecture to other doctors approximately 190 hours per year **FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB** Interacting with patients, especially at the end of their treatment because it's such a great time to celebrate

ONE PERSON, TWO PROCEDURES

"Anytime you pass the baton, there's a risk you'll drop it," says Dr. Mills. Regarding **RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY WORK**, he's referring to the traditional method of having two doctors—one performing surgery, the second working with the prosthesis. "By having a **WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF BOTH SURGERY AND THE PROSTHESIS**, I have a good idea of what the goals are for both phases of the procedure and how they'll interrelate. Seeking out a doctor who is clinically competent and who can handle the complete picture is very important for many patients," says Dr. Mills. "I'm focused on the full result, which makes my patients feel more comfortable."

INSIDE INFORMATION

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Many cosmetic dentists have a story about a particular patient that changed the way they practice, or at least deeply affected their perspective. For Dr. Edward J. Mills, that patient was Nancy.

"When she first came to me, I was honestly concerned about how much work she would have to have done. "She was at risk of losing all of her teeth," remembers Dr. Mills. Despite the seemingly overwhelming task in front of her, she was undaunted, and committed to change. "She asked if we could do the work a little at a time," says Dr. Mills. "At first I thought there was no way, but eventually I had to rethink it." A lightbulb had suddenly gone on for Mills. And so, the idea of Phase Treatment Planning was born. "Traditionally, you develop a sequential set of treatments from start to finish," Dr. Mills explains. "In this case, we were just going to pause between treatments. It's like climbing a mountain. I help my patients up to each level, make sure they rest and feel secure, and then we start climbing again. When you're re-creating bone and soft tissue, it takes multiple phases," he explains. When Dr. Mills lectures to students, he tries to convey the significance of understanding what is important to patients and then developing a phase treatment plan that achieves their desires. Nancy took eight years to complete the necessary work on her mouth, and changed not only her smile but her entire life. She quit smoking and fixed her eating habits. Her incredible story was documented in *Health & Fitness* magazine, and it's one that Dr. Mills tells constantly. "I used to think I was responsible for my patients' transformations; now I realize it's their motivation that gets them to the end result, and God creates the miracles," he says. "You have to be an effective conduit, and you can't be passive to the process." 404-252-2125 or newbeauty.com/mills.



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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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LOCATION

Atlanta, Georgia

"I feel that my efforts to share what I know with other dentists enhances the quality of my care."

—EDWARD J. MILLS, DDS