

Beauty Beyond Smiles

At Marina Tooth Fairy Dental, cosmetic and restorative dentist Hibret Hailu Benjamin, D.D.S., helps patients become their most beautiful selves—inside and out.

When it comes to maintaining top oral health, there are those who love the feeling of a professionally cleaned smile and those who live paralyzed with dentophobia.

Hibret Hailu Benjamin, D.D.S., understands this like no other. A renowned cosmetic and restorative dentist with more than two decades of experience, she treats a range of patients seeking expertise and kindness.

“Patients are not just looking for quality dental care, but good customer service,” says Dr. Benjamin, founder of San Francisco-based Marina Tooth Fairy Dental. “We take the time to listen to patients, understand their fears, and provide the emotional support they need to help them feel safe and comfortable.”

Putting patients in the driver’s seat is a hallmark of Dr. Benjamin’s work. Leading a team of 25 hand-selected dental professionals, she values patient agency and education. Whether a routine cleaning or a complete smile makeover, patients experience high-touch, personalized service in a state-of-the-art office outfitted with modern amenities to help ease anxiety and encourage excitement.

“We do everything we can to give our patients the smile they have always wanted,” Dr. Benjamin says.

Practice What You Preach

A holistic approach to dentistry means Dr. Benjamin cares for more than just a patient’s primary concern. This level of attentiveness often leads to dramatic, life-changing restorations.

“A desired smile could range



from just a newly cleaned smile to rehabilitation dentistry—which means giving back to patients who have severe gum disease, have been in accidents, or have suffered from drug abuse,” she says.

While the hands-on care at Marina Tooth Fairy Dental keeps Dr. Benjamin passionate, her love for the profession and its people extends beyond office walls: She is an assistant clinical professor at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), where she has been training the next generation of dentists for the past eight years, and is also chair of the diversity committee for the UCSF Alumni Association.

Dr. Benjamin’s candor and contagious positivity inform her every step—from teaching students and encouraging patients to advocating for a warm, welcoming dentistry experience.

“I love improving and changing people’s lives,” she says. “It is an incredible and humbling experience that I would not change in any way.”

New Smile, New Life

Dr. Benjamin recently helped a man whose bite had been destroyed over many years. While he had been treated for isolated tooth problems, he had never been interested in a full-mouth reconstruction. A pretreatment visit with Dr. Benjamin, complete with realistic images of the expected improvements, motivated him to make the healthier choice.

As the treatment plan concluded, Dr. Benjamin used composite materials to create a temporary set of teeth for the patient to test-drive. Based on feedback from the patient and her own observations, she tweaked the color, fit, function, and more before having a permanent replacement fabricated.

The patient’s response was simple: “If I knew it would be like this, I would have done it earlier.”

“We won’t let fear prevent our patients from enjoying good dental health and a beautiful smile,” Dr. Benjamin concludes.



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Creating healthy, beautiful smiles for all ages