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## Direct composite bonding to close a diastema (space between the teeth)

The patient was unhappy with the large gap between her front teeth<sup>fig1</sup> and wanted to know what could be done. Her options included:

- Orthodontics (\$5000)
- Porcelain Veneers (\$2400)
- Direct Composite Bonding (\$700)

*Direct composite bonding* is the freehand addition of composite material. The space is reduced...or closed... by adding equal amounts of composite to each tooth bordering the space.

The teeth were not altered or prepped prior to composite placement. The procedure took approximately 2 hours.

After 6 years the patient is still happy with the result!<sup>fig2</sup>



fig1  
**Before Picture**



fig2  
**After Picture**

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