

Until I met Dr. Baik, I always had been extremely afraid of dentist. I have not seen a dentist for the last 7 years. I only saw a dentist when I really couldn't take the pain anymore. Even in those instances, I only allowed the dentist to perform emergency treatment just to get me out of pain and never went back there. As a consequence, my mouth has been in pretty bad shape for all my life. It became my habit to cover my mouth each time I laughed or smiled because I was sure that people would notice my teeth. Aside from my looks, I was living with daily discomfort and never enjoyed any meals. I became accustomed to eating without proper chewing.

It was about 8 months ago when my broken tooth started giving me a problem. Then a friend of mine told me about Dr. Baik and his sedation dentistry. I went to his website immediately at [www.DDSBaik.com](http://www.DDSBaik.com) to see if sedation is right for me. I called the office and spoke to Lupe, Dr. Baik's office manager. She was very friendly and helpful. She explained thoroughly how sedation works. Dr. Baik even gave me a welcome phone call that evening. Even before my first visit, I felt pretty comfortable with Dr. Baik's office.

Thereafter, things went very smoothly. I came in for my initial x-ray, exam, and consultation. I was impressed with all the high end dental technologies that Dr. Baik was utilizing. With his digital x-ray system, he enlarged my x-ray on a computer screen and showed me exactly what was going on with my teeth. With intra-oral camera, I was able to see all the details of my mouth. Dr. Baik was very gentle and thorough on his exam/consultation. But more importantly he actually listened to my frustration story of many years. I could tell that he really was understanding the very real nature of my fear.

The actual treatment day went exactly the way we planned. All I remember is that Dr. Baik placed an I.V. line on my right arm. I heard some beeping noise from his monitoring machine just like the ones I saw in the hospital and that was it!!! I was in deep state of relaxation. I did not feel any pain and even felt like I slept through the appointment although Dr. Baik later told me that I was still awake and was responding to his instructions. It seemed like only few minutes but I had 2 root canals, 4 fillings, and 6 veneer crowns done during that appointment.

Today, when I look in the mirror, I can hardly remember how I looked like just 8 month ago. People around me notice that I am happier and friendlier, and of course I smile more often than before. But more importantly, now I am not afraid to go to the dentist anymore. Thanks to Dr. Baik and his sedation dentistry.

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