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The husband-wife cosmetic dental team of Drs. Ramin Tabib and Elisa Mello of NYC Smile Design are a study in contrasts. He's technical; she's artistic. He's focused and exact; she's chatty and gregarious. Yet, together they practice a style of cosmetic dentistry that blends these characteristics to deliver the best results.

From their office in Manhattan's Upper East Side, this doctor duo brings individual strengths to their team approach to dental care. Her expertise lies in periodontal surgery, cosmetic makeovers, orthodontics and Invisalign® teeth straightening. His strengths are in porcelain veneers, full mouth reconstruction, smile makeovers, restorative dentistry and diagnosis, and placement of dental implants. The collaboration is continuous. Dr. Mello looks at the whole face and how the total works together—from complex restorations to reconstructive cases. Dr. Tabib brings in his warm, yet analytical approach. Their consults, together with the patient's input, help to ensure a positive outcome. "Our two very different views come together to get the end result," he says. "It's more of a

co-decision process with the patients. We're just helping them make the right decision."

Patients enjoy the little touches they receive from the caring practice. A car service picks up patients scheduled for long treatments and returns them home afterward. The contemporary office design of understated elegance is accented by fresh-cut flowers and comforts that include warm towels to calm and refresh and in-chair heated massages to soothe muscles and anxiety. Each room has an iPod and a television with DVDs to pass the time. "People tell us they just feel they're in the right dental office," Dr. Mello says. 212-452-3344 or newbeauty.com/tabibmello.

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In the private office of Drs. Tabib and Mello next to their son Oliver's artwork is a wish list of equipment. The latest piece received and crossed off the list is the **WATERLASE® MD WATER-COOLED LASER**. With this device in hand, the doctors perform, with little vibration or pain and often no anesthesia,—**COSMETIC GUM LIFTS**, contouring and other specialty procedures on hard and soft tissue. The tool has also replaced traditional microabrasion techniques. In fact, tools like the Waterlase ideally suit the two minds at work in the practice—Dr. Tabib, the clinical practitioner, and Dr. Mello, the artist. The doctors explain that the art of dentistry can be enhanced greatly with the latest technology, whether it's a **3-D IMAGE OF A PATIENT'S MOUTH** or a computer model of the expected results. Together, they form a team where technology and touch come together. "And there's always another piece of equipment we want to buy," Dr. Mello says.

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