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Local Dentist Earns Top Honors at FACD Smile Showdown

Tallahassee, Florida: The Florida Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (FACD) proudly presented Elena C. Puig, DMD of Dynamic Smile Design in Orlando with a Gold Medal in the category of Four or More Indirect Restorations for her 2009 Smile Showdown entry at the FACD 2009 Annual Scientific Session & Trade Show, held September 10 – 12, 2009 at Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Dr. Puig worked with dental technician Barbara Warner-Wojdan, CDT (Certified Dental Technician) of Knight Dental Group, CDL, DAMAS, in Oldsmar on the winning case. Dr. Puig and Warner-Wojdan were also presented with the FACD 2009 Members' Choice Award, the Smile Showdown's highest honor, for their entry.

FACD's Smile Showdown was started in 2006 as a chance for Florida cosmetic dentists, and the dental laboratory technicians they work with, to showcase their best cases in front of their peers, and is presented annually at the FACD Annual Scientific Session & Trade Show. For each case, the doctor submits 6 photos - before and after shots of the patient's headshot, retracted view of the mouth and the patient's smile, along with a brief explanation of the case treatment.

The FACD Smile Showdown winners are selected by a panel of judges, usually made up of current board members and past presidents of the association.

In addition, each member of FACD and their team members have the opportunity to vote on which case they believe is the best of the best. The winner of this vote is awarded the FACD Members' Choice Award and receives a special trophy to display in their office for one year.

The Florida Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry is dedicated to advancing the science and art of cosmetic dentistry for its members and their patients in the state of Florida. FACD was formed in 1998 as an organization devoted to seeking improvements in the science and art of cosmetic dentistry.

For more information about FACD or the FACD Smile Showdown, please contact the FACD office (866) 608-FACD.

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