

COMMON ORTHODONTIC TREATMENTS

Malocclusions (“bad bites”) like those shown in our patients below, may benefit from early diagnosis and referral to an orthodontic specialist for a full evaluation.

CROWDING AND CROSSBITES



DEEP OVERBITE



UNDERBITE



OVERJET



OPEN BITE



MISSING LATERAL INCISORS



SPACING OF TEETH



PHASE ONE TREATMENT



In addition, if you notice any of the following in your child, check with your orthodontist:

- Early or late loss of baby teeth
- Speech difficulties
- Difficulty in chewing or biting
- Biting the cheek or the roof of the mouth
- Mouth breathing
- Facial imbalance
- Jaws that shift or make sounds
- Grinding or clenching of the teeth

The Right Time for an Orthodontic Check-Up: As Early As Age 7

The American Association of Orthodontists recommends all children get a check-up with an orthodontic specialist no later than age 7.

HERE'S WHY:

- Orthodontists can spot subtle problems with jaw growth and emerging teeth while some baby teeth are still present.
- While your child's teeth may appear to be straight, there could be a problem that your orthodontist can detect.
- A check-up may show that your child's bite is fine, or the orthodontist may identify a developing problem and recommend monitoring your child's growth and development. Then, if indicated, treatment can be started at the appropriate time for your child. In other cases, your orthodontist may find a problem that can benefit from early treatment.
- Early treatment may prevent more serious problems from developing and may make treatment at a later age shorter and less complicated. In some cases, the orthodontist will be able to achieve results that may not be possible once the face and jaws have finished growing.
- Early treatment may give your orthodontist the chance to:
 - Guide jaw growth
 - Lower the risk of trauma to protruded front teeth
 - Correct harmful oral habits
 - Improve appearance
 - Guide permanent teeth into a better position
 - Create a more pleasing arrangement of teeth, lips and face
- Through an early orthodontic evaluation, you'll be giving your child the best opportunity for a healthy, beautiful smile.

If your child is older than 7, it's certainly not too late for a check-up.

Children differ in both physiological development and treatment needs. The orthodontist's goal is to provide each patient with the most appropriate treatment at the most appropriate time.