

ORTHODONTIC (BRACES) INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

- Your child is now at a stage of dental development when evaluation for braces can be considered. The following is a summary of the steps involved in this process:

Diagnostic Records

This is a 90 minute appointment, scheduled in the morning, to gather the necessary information to determine the extent of your child's orthodontic needs. The following procedures are performed:

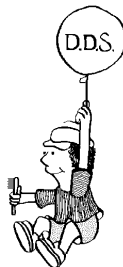
- Clinical orthodontic examination.
- Facial & intraoral photographs.
- Panoramic X-ray to determine tooth positions.
- Frontal and/or lateral X-rays of the entire head to study jaw & bone relationships.
- Wrist plate X-ray to determine bone age and to estimate adult height.
- Impressions of the upper and lower jaws to construct orthodontic study models.
- Comprehensive computerized analysis of all data collected.

Parent & Child Consultation

This appointment lasts about 40 minutes, and is scheduled about 5 weeks after the diagnostic records appointment. There is no charge for this visit. We prefer that parents and/or guardians and the child be present for this meeting so that our treatment objectives are understood completely by all parties involved. Treatment procedures and outcome will be discussed at this visit, as well as treatment fees and payment options. A credit evaluation may be obtained to determine financial arrangements for your account.

School Appointments

Most children undergoing orthodontic treatment are of school age. Since it is not possible for us to treat all patients after school, we have the following policy: Any appointments 40 minutes or longer must be made in the morning (8 a.m. - 1 p.m.). Other appointments must alternate between during and after school hours."



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