

**WHAT IS ORTHODONTICS?**

Orthodontics is a specialised area of dentistry that corrects dental and skeletal problems to improve the appearance and function of your teeth.

An Orthodontist is a dentist who has done further training and gained a higher qualification in this speciality.

**WHY HAVE I BEEN REFERRED?**

You have been referred to us by your dentist for advice on the position of your teeth. Orthodontic treatment is considered appropriate if your teeth are irregular or if there is a discrepancy in the position of your jaws.

Sometimes your dentist will refer you to us for advice if they see a problem arising.

Most orthodontic treatment involves the wearing of braces either a removable brace (plastic appliance) to change the way that your teeth bite together or to alter the position of your jaws. In most cases it is necessary to wear fixed braces which are glued on to your teeth.

In very rare circumstances full correction of the problem may involve jaw surgery.

**BENEFITS OF ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT**

- Improve the appearance of the teeth
- Look younger
- Improve self confidence and self esteem
- Chew better
- Healthier teeth and gums
- Feel happier

**TIMING OF ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT**

Most orthodontic treatment can be carried out at any age. Some orthodontic treatment (such as braces which alter the position of the jaw) are growth dependant and should be carried out before growth has ceased (i.e. about age 14).

An average course of orthodontic treatment usually takes about 18-24 months. However using the latest technology braces and wires, this time can be considerably reduced.

Fixed braces are usually adjusted every 6-8 weeks.

Occasionally full correction of the teeth may involve a combination of orthodontics and surgery to the jaws. If this is considered appropriate it may be necessary to refer you to a local Hospital for this treatment.

**PRIVATE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT**

Private orthodontic treatment is available to all patients.

The advantages of private treatment include:-

- 1) No waiting list for treatment
- 2) More choice of appliances (e.g. tooth coloured braces)
- 3) After school, early morning and evening appointments available
- 4) All treatment will be carried out by a specialist orthodontist
- 5) Your treatment will be carried out in our new state of the art private suite

**COST OF TREATMENT**

Consultation fee	-	Under 18 - £100
		Over 18 - £150
Removable braces	-	from £350
Functional appliances	-	from £600
Simple fixed braces	-	from £1145
Complex fixed braces	-	from £1850
Invisalign	-	from £2999

**Interest free finance available Treatment costs can start from as little as £43 per month. Private medical companies may cover the cost of your consultation.**

If you wish any further information on this please speak to your orthodontist.

We accept cash and all major credit and debit cards. We have "chip & pin" facility for such transactions.





## YOUR FIRST VISIT TO THE ORTHODONTIST

At your first visit the orthodontist will examine your teeth and discuss different treatment options. Occasionally X-rays and moulds (impressions) are taken at this visit.

Following an initial consultation an appointment will be made to take further records (e.g. photographs etc) and your treatment will be discussed in more detail. You will be given an opportunity to ask any questions at this stage.

## CANCELLATIONS & MISSED APPOINTMENTS

If you are unable to attend an appointment we request that you inform us as soon as possible. This time can then be made available for other patients who may require emergency treatment.

We ask for at least 24 hours notice for cancellation of appointments. Otherwise a fee will be charged.

Repeated missed appointments may result in termination of your treatment.

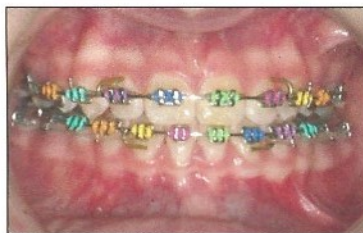
It is very important that you are registered with a dentist and attend for regular check-ups and that you brush your teeth at least twice a day.

Braces can cause extensive damage to your teeth and gums if they are not looked after.

### Opening Hours

Monday	9.00-1.00	2.00-5.30
Tuesday	9.00-1.00	2.00-5.30
Wednesday	9.00-1.00	2.00-7.00
Thursday	9.00-1.00	2.00-6.30
Friday	8.15-1.00	2.00-4.15

## METAL BRACES



## CERAMIC BRACES



Metal braces with colours are available on the NHS  
Cosmetic braces are only available privately.

Winners of 'Best Orthodontic Practice UK'



Runners up  
Practice of the Year  
Best Dental Team  
Best Employer

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