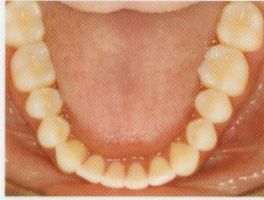


The Hygienist's Guide to Orthodontics

Step 1: Check Positions of the Teeth.



Ideal Upper Arch



Ideal Lower Arch



Excessive Spacing



Crowding



Missing Teeth



Incorrect Angulations



Rotations



Submerged Primary Teeth

Step 2: Relationships of Upper to Lower Teeth.



Ideal Frontal View



Ideal Lateral View



Deep Overbite



Protruded Upper Teeth



Openbite



Crossbite



Midline Discrepancy



Anterior Crossbite

Step 3: Examine the Face and Profile, Including Canine & First Molar Relationships.



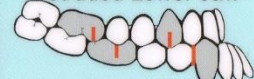
Class II
Retruded Lower Jaw



Class I
Normal Profile



Class III
Protruded Lower Jaw



Addressing Patient Concerns

- 1) **Opening question regarding orthodontics:** "Are you happy with the appearance of your teeth?"
- 2) **Q.** Is orthodontics expensive? **A.** "For most patients, payments can be structured that are gentle on the budget."
- 3) **Q.** Am I too old for braces? **A.** "If you have teeth and healthy supporting structures, you're never too old. You can spend the rest of your life with an attractive smile if you choose to."
- 4) **Q.** Isn't a 7-year-old too young for a screening? **A.** "Two important things are available at age 7: a lot of diagnostic information and future facial growth. For some children, available growth can be a powerful advantage in treatment results."
- 5) **How do I respond when the patient is concerned about the appearance of braces?** "Small, clear brackets are available. In some cases, clear aligners may be used to straighten your teeth."

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