

So.. Who Needs Orthodontic Treatment ?

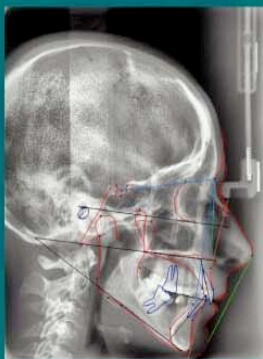
Not everyone's teeth are perfectly straight. In fact, many people have crooked or overcrowded teeth. If your dentist thinks your teeth need straightening, he or she may refer you to an orthodontist, a dentist who specializes in this type of treatment.

During orthodontic treatment, fixed braces or removable appliances may be worn to gradually move teeth to their correct position in the mouth.



At What Age Can Orthodontic Treatment Start ?

While it is most common to start during childhood and adolescence (from around age eight and up), an increasing number of adults today are also opting for orthodontic treatment.



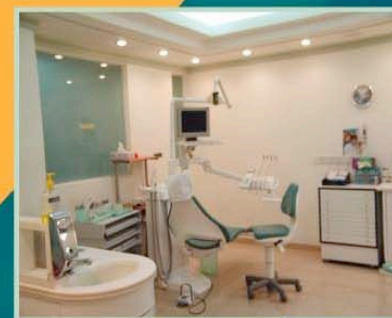
In many cases, taking advantage of the growth period during a child's development can greatly help in correcting many problems related to disproportionate jaws and crooked or impacted teeth.

How Long Does The Treatment Take ?

It varies depending on the age of the patient and his/her specific situation, but it may take from 18 to 30 months on average to complete. For adults, treatment may take a little longer because the facial structures have stopped growing. But whatever your age, keeping your teeth and gums healthy during orthodontic treatment, avoiding any break-ages of your appliances, and keeping your regular scheduled appointments will help keep your treatment on track.

Do I Still Need To See My Regular Dentist ?

Yes. Your dentist and orthodontist will work together with you to help you do the best job possible in caring for your teeth and gums, during and long after your orthodontic treatment.



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