

OPTIONS FOR ORTHODONTIC CARE

I. ONE APPLIANCE THERAPY - This option is primarily for young children who are not yet mature enough to make more comprehensive treatment practical. Treatments for early cross bite correction or treatment of severe bruxism often fall into this category. This option can also be used by patients who do not want comprehensive care at this time. Periodic office visits are a necessary part of the maintenance of any orthodontic treatment. The fee for one appliance therapy covers the appliance only. Periodic office visits, lost or broken appliances, and the end of treatment records appointment will be an additional charge according to prevailing fees at that time.

II. INTERCEPTIVE ORTHODONTICS – This involves approximately one year of active treatment with various removable and/or fixed appliances which will help normalize the patient’s growth and development of the jaws and the teeth. With cooperation, most patients can accomplish a relatively normal bite and alignment of the teeth and facial profile. This can make the difficult adolescent years much easier if extensive treatment with “braces” is no longer necessary, however, most patients can benefit from a few months of braces after all permanent teeth have erupted.

Lack of compliance, lost or broken appliances as well as missed appointments all set back treatment and minimize your results from Interceptive Orthodontics. Most patients have minimal difficulties and therefore benefit tremendously from Interceptive Orthodontics.

The goal of Interceptive Orthodontics is to normalize the teeth and jaws as much as is practical to prevent further and more severe orthodontic problems from developing. After Interceptive Orthodontics is completed, if further orthodontic treatment is needed, the patient then has the same financial options as before treatment was initiated. Fees from Interceptive Orthodontics cannot be applied to the full orthodontic plan once treatment is underway. The patient should be checked semiannually after treatment is completed for relapse or if any teeth have erupted out of alignment.

III. FULL ORTHODONTICS – This option is to contract Dr. King to do your full orthodontic case. This includes all orthodontic care including braces if needed. Surgery is NOT covered by this option.

Full Orthodontics usually involves 1-2 years of active treatment, a few years of monitoring or inactive treatment, “braces” for a short period when the full set of permanent teeth have erupted and finally retainers to hold the correction. This does not include replacement of retainers or semiannual orthodontic checks after orthodontic treatment is completed. It is suggested that Dr. King check the retention semiannually after treatment is completed. If checks are done with hygiene appointments there is no charge.

IV. REFERRAL – Another option is to go to an orthodontist. We have names of those who are most likely to give the highest quality of care. Please keep in mind when making your decision that after school hours can sometimes be limited in Dr. King’s practice. If you must have all orthodontic appointments after school, you may want to consider referral to an orthodontist.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

-In order to ensure protection of the teeth while in treatment it is very important that our orthodontic patients maintain their regular semiannual dental cleanings and examinations for decay. Any decay detected at these appointments will need to be addressed as soon as possible to prevent interruption of orthodontic treatment.

-If you are not currently being seen in another office for regular dental care, these appointments can be scheduled in our office. Please note that the fees for general dental care are not included in the orthodontic program.

-We are available on some Saturdays for orthodontic checks. We cannot guarantee all appointments can be done on Saturday. Some procedures will require additional time and will be scheduled during the week for the best interest of the patient.

-After orthodontic treatment is completed, retainers are to be worn to hold the correction. These retainers are very important to the orthodontic treatment, please take care of them. A replacement charge will be implemented for lost or broken retainers. The retainer will be checked at the regular semiannual cleaning and exam appointment or as needed at Dr. King's request.

-Under Options II and III, lost bands and brackets will be replaced at no charge for the first occurrence. Subsequent replacements will be \$10 each. Please keep any loose bands or brackets and bring them to your next appointment to prevent additional charges.

-We do accept insurance payments. The patient must pay the difference to equal the monthly payment amount.

-All payments are due monthly, regardless of the patient's appointment schedule.

COSTS OF ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT

OPTION 1: APPLIANCE THERAPY

Price of appliance ranges from \$500 up to \$1000 for 2 component appliances.

Office visit or Appliance check \$30

Appliances are charged out when impressions are taken. Balance due at delivery of appliance.

Fees for lost or broken appliances will be the full cost of replacement.

Fees for end of treatment records will be an additional charge according to prevailing fees at that time.

OPTION 2: INTERCEPTIVE ORTHODONTICS – 1 YEAR

\$2400 Total fee for orthodontic treatment

\$600 down payment

\$150.00 per month for 12 months

Fees for lost or broken appliances will be nominal according to prevailing fees at that time.

OPTION 3: FULL ORTHODONTICS

\$4800 Total fee for orthodontic treatment

\$1200 down payment

Remaining balance paid monthly over course of treatment depending on the age of the patient.

Fees for lost or broken appliances will be nominal according to prevailing fees at that time.