

Orthodontics Consent Form (SureSmile Ortho, Retainers, Expanders, etc)

Some cases require 4+ years to complete. You can assume your case will take 5 years. Our office limits the duration of orthodontic therapy to a maximum of 36 months per instance for the D8090 procedure code. The patient will be charged \$4500 per instance of D8090. The patient will be charged D8090 twice if their orthodontic therapy exceeds 36 months in duration from date of delivery of initial aligners.

We do not provide aligners to patients who are not current on payments. The patient is required to pay the entire D8090 fee prior to initiating their first revision or receiving retainers.

If you want to move molars or upright roots then you need metal braces. Some limitations of clear plastic aligners include the common technique of leaving open space behind the canines (or laterals), to compensate for skeletal deformities of the jaws.

Invisible braces can cause root damage and root injury called root resorption. The patient accepts all responsibility for root resorption, root injury or imperfect results that may occur throughout orthodontic therapy.

Ortho causes teeth to become loose/mobile. Class I/II mobility is normal and expected to resolve. If a tooth develops class III mobility you may be forced to extract it. If you lose a tooth then you may be forced to receive a prosthetic bridge or removable denture.

Sometime ortho patients develop a severe open bite during treatment. If this happens you will be required to wear rubber bands on your teeth to help pull the teeth into proper occlusion.

Bone dehiscence can occur when the patient has thin buccal bone. Consult with a periodontist for possible gum grafting (or bone grafting) prior to orthodontic therapy.

The patient will be a charged down payment fee and this fee is non-refundable and non-cancellable once impressions have been initiated.

If the patient loses or breaks an aligner then the patient is responsible to pay for replacement aligners at a rate of \$70 per.

Most orthodontic cases will require interproximal reduction where instruments will be used to shave enamel from the flossing contacts of your teeth. This can cause tooth sensitivity, pain, discomfort & injury to the gums.

Once the patient accepts retainers the office will then charge D8090 code to provide additional adjustments or revisions. It is the patient's responsibility to ask an orthodontist to evaluate alignment, cosmetics & flossing contacts throughout their dentition prior to accepting retainers. The moment a patient accepts retainers, this immediately closes the orthodontic case permanently and there is no option to provide further revisions or adjustments after this event has occurred.

After the patient accepts retainers, we will not provide revisions or adjustments without charging \$4500 as a separate instance of ortho therapy. Sometimes the patient orders retainers and then a revision becomes necessary. We will not provide revisions after retainers have been accepted by the patient without charging the full orthodontic fee of \$4500.

Depending on your genetics you may have to wear your retainers for 22 hours per day for eternity to maintain perfect retention. We recommend fixed lingual retainer and essix retainer for both arches, and essix retainers must be renewed every 12 months for fresh hard retainers.

Wear your aligners every single day with zero lapses in days worn; and 22 hours per day. Always replace lost or broken aligners immediately by reporting it to the dentist. Wear each set of aligners for 7 days consecutively and 22 hours per day before discarding and progressing to the next aligner in the series.

It is the patient's responsibility (or his/her guardian) to call the office and make arrangements for all necessary appointments. We do not call the patient to remind them about subsequent steps in their treatment. The patient is required to present at the dental office for additional aligners/retainers within 60 days from either (1) their previous ortho visit or (2) conclusion of previously delivered aligner therapy. If the patient fails to present at the office within 60 days of conclusion of previously delivered aligner therapy then the patient forfeits their right to further orthodontic therapy.

All orthodontic sales are final. If the patient decides to cancel their therapy, they will still be charged the full fee regardless of the cancellation. This dental office does not offer refunds, warranties or cancellation for orthodontic therapy purchases including SureSmile or invisalign.

Legal Fees:

The dental company is entitled to claim legal fees and lost wages incurred for any situation where legal action against the dental company is initiated and ultimately unsuccessful.