

Interceptive Orthodontics for Kids

Guiding your child's dental development for a healthier smile.

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Step 1: Understand Interceptive Orthodontics

Learn about interceptive orthodontics, a proactive approach to guide jaw and tooth development in children, typically between ages 6 and 10.

- This phase aims to prevent or correct developing problems before they become more complex.
- It focuses on creating space for permanent teeth and guiding facial growth.



Step 2: Identify Potential Issues

Recognize common problems that interceptive orthodontics can address, such as crowding, excessive spacing, crossbites, underbites, and protruding teeth.

- Early detection is key to successful intervention.
- These issues can affect speech, chewing, and the overall appearance of the smile.



Step 3: Consultation and Evaluation

Schedule a consultation with a pediatric dentist or orthodontist to assess your child's oral development.

- The dentist will examine your child's bite, jaw alignment, and tooth eruption.
- X-rays and other diagnostic tools may be used.



Step 4: Treatment Planning

Based on the evaluation, a personalized treatment plan will be developed.

- This plan outlines the specific interventions needed and the expected duration of treatment.



Step 5: Phase One Treatment

Interceptive treatment often involves a 'Phase One' approach, focusing on correcting underlying skeletal or dental discrepancies.

- Appliances like expanders or space maintainers might be used.
- The goal is to create a foundation for future permanent teeth.



Step 6: Monitoring and Observation

After initial treatment, your child will be monitored to track their progress and the development of permanent teeth.

- This period allows for natural growth and eruption.
- Further treatment may be recommended later.



Step 7: Phase Two Treatment (If Necessary)

If needed, a 'Phase Two' treatment will begin once most permanent teeth have erupted, typically in the pre-teen or teenage years.

- This phase usually involves braces or clear aligners to align the teeth properly.
- It builds upon the foundation established in Phase One.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

■ Interceptive Orthodontics for Kids (Action Sheet)

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