

Orthodontia

Introduction

Orthodontia deals with solving problems associated with the positioning of teeth, by using light continuous orthodontic forces that allow for tooth movement without collateral effects.

The orthodontist is the professional figure engaged in evaluating the situation and suggesting appropriate treatment.

Indications

An orthodontic appliance (or brace) may be worn by all those who, owing to an anomalous positioning of their teeth, suffer an aesthetic and/or functional impact (mastication).

According to individual patient needs, the chosen brace may be either fixed or removable.

Removable braces may be worn or taken out at any time.

Fixed braces contemplate the use of brackets and wires secured to the teeth and must be worn at all times. The duration of treatment and the choice of brace vary on a case-by-case basis. They do not entail serious problems, apart from a slight sensation of tension which patients quickly get used to.





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