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## *Adult Orthodontic Treatment*

Your smile reveals many things about you. It reflects how you feel about yourself, your looks, and your dental health. Below is listed general information about orthodontics. The answers to your individual problems can come only after consultation with an orthodontic specialist.

Orthodontic treatment can be successful at any age. About thirty five percent of Dr. Adams' orthodontic patients today are adults. The biological process involved in tooth movement is the same in both adults and children. Significant dental & facial changes are achievable with adult orthodontics. Dramatic facial changes are being achieved with a combined approach of surgery & orthodontics for the limited number of individuals who need or desire the benefits of this type of treatment. Because an adult's facial bones are no longer growing, certain orthopedic (bone) corrections cannot be accomplished with braces alone.

### **Why should you consider orthodontics?**

Malocclusion (literally meaning "bad bite") can be detrimental to a patient's oral health. Restorations, crowns, or bridges are often impossible for a dentist to perform properly without prior repositioning of the teeth by an orthodontist. Properly aligned and supported teeth are healthier, easier to clean, & much more likely to last throughout a patient's lifetime.

Dramatic changes in a person's smile and profile can be achieved with orthodontics. A person can actually look years younger by straightening crooked teeth or correcting an overbite or an underbite. A beautiful smile can increase self-confidence and in turn impart a sense of well-being. Adults are discovering that oral health is part of total body health. Improved appearance, comfort, hygiene, chewing, and decreased stress on restored teeth are just some of the possible benefits of orthodontic care.

### **Are you asking yourself, will I look funny?**

If you have resisted orthodontic care because you were concerned about your appearance & comfort during treatment, braces have changed considerably over the past five years & our office offers the latest in orthodontic technology. Minor corrections can be accomplished with "**Removable Braces**" which are completely concealed within the mouth. The new **Invisalign® system** moves teeth without braces & is totally inconspicuous. Dr. Adams is a premier Invisalign® provider. More involved treatment requires braces on the teeth to successfully move them to the most desired, stable, positions. We also specialize in clear as glass **Sapphire Braces** which make brace wear nearly inconspicuous.

We would like to help you enjoy the benefits of a beautiful, healthy smile! If you have questions or would like to schedule a complimentary consultation, please call our office at **(619)291-5266**.

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