

Smile
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GROWTH &
DEVELOPMENT
GUIDE

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We want to ensure that *Your Child* gets the *Right Treatment* at the *Right Time* for the *Right Reasons*.

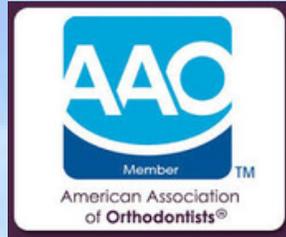
1. Your Chief Concern
2. Facial Aesthetics
3. BiteFunction
4. Jaw Joint Health
5. Airway Health
6. Periodontal (Gum) Health
7. Dental Health
8. Tooh Alignment
9. Stability
10. Pathology Screening

We also want to make sure your child's treatment is as predictable and efficient as possible. We achieve these results by consistently monitoring your child's growth and development annually. By collecting as many "Snapshots" as possible, we consistently avoid extended treatment time, unnecessary treatment complications, or treatment redo's later in life. We describe our process as the Lifelong Orthodontic Method. We invite you to read further in order to learn more about what makes our practice so special.



Sincerely,

What is the best age for my child to be seen by the Orthodontist?



All loving parents want what is best for their children and you have the opportunity to make a lifelong difference in the oral health, appearance and confidence of your child. Orthodontics is one of the very best investments you can make for your family. In reality, the benefits are nearly immeasurable because treatment in our office not only transforms your child's smile but also enriches their oral health for life.

Unfortunately, like so many things in healthcare, there exists a great deal of misinformation on the Internet, TV, Radio, and Social Media.

We often find that parents are confused and think that orthodontics is "Just Straight Teeth," but don't worry because we are here to help.

The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that every child sees an Orthodontist by the age of seven. This does not mean that treatment will begin, and 80-85% of the time, it does not.

The purpose of this initial visit is to determine if jaw growth and tooth eruption are proceeding properly. You would be surprised how often they are not! Or how often children within the same family are different! When orthodontic problems are caught at an early enough age, we can save you time and money, as well as get a better overall treatment result!

Does My Child REALLY Need Early Treatment?

Timing in life is very important and orthodontic treatment is no different. Our Doctors take great pride in giving you their HONEST OPINION about the treatment your child may need and WHEN it is needed. In fact, a lot of our patients come to see us for second opinions. Nearly 80-85% of our patients complete their orthodontics with 1 set of braces around age eleven and finish within the national average of 24-30 months.

We are able to accomplish these results because we consistently monitor your child. At Suffolk Braces, we offer these examinations free of charge because big problems can be prevented when caught early.

This initial consultation usually consists of an oral examination, x-rays, and photos to make sure that all the teeth are present, not impacted and that the jaws are growing normally. Most patients are then seen every 6-12 months, depending upon their individual needs for growth and development check-ups to ensure all is well.

However, there are certain specific reasons to start early treatment and Our Doctors are very careful to make sure that early treatment is both a necessary and wise investment of your time and money.



Avoid Tooth
Extraction



Avoid Tooth
Exposure



Avoid Jaw Surgery

Growth and Development Check Ups Annually

- We take xrays or photos of your child every six to twelve months to gather as many pre-treatment snap shots of your child's unique growth and development as possible.

**"As Dr. Taylor says.....
Time always Tells!"**

- Having your child's individual time capsule allows us to know the right treatment for your child at the right time!

Sample X-Ray



Sample Photos



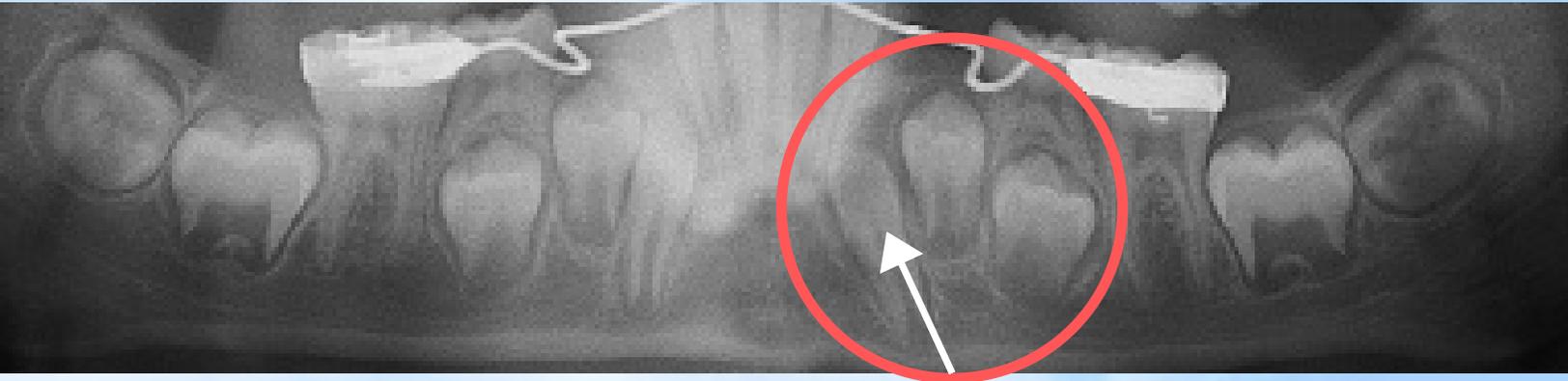
This is why coming to your growth and development check ups is so important.

Intervention 1

Extraction of Baby Teeth

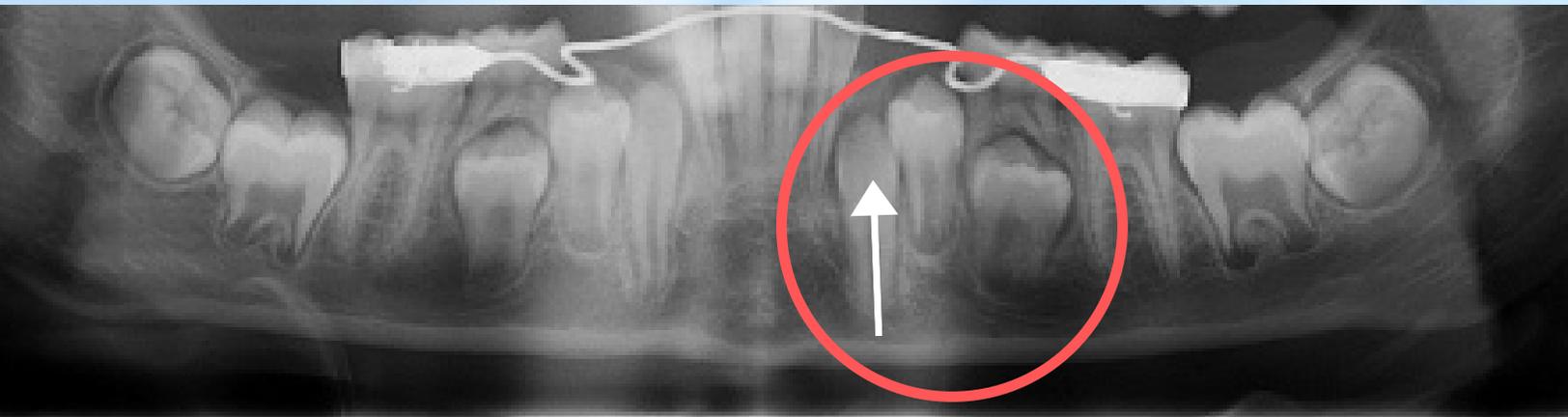
Your child may need a visit from the tooth fairy!

Before



To help to guide the permanent teeth into the mouth!

After



Tooth straightening from early intervention at the right time.

Intervention 2

Expansion Appliances

Sometimes expanders are needed to make room for permanent eruption. This helps prevent the teeth from growing in straighter and creates healthier airways.

Before



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After



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"Her front teeth were our main concern." - Mom

Intervention 3

Braces on Front Teeth

Limited alignment of the first permanent teeth in the mouth to prevent trauma and improve appearance.

Before



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After



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"Everyone has been so great and friendly." - Mom

Intervention 4

Habit Appliances

Sometimes we need to correct habits that deform the jaws at an early age to avoid jaw surgery later in life.

Before



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After



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"She was a thumb sucker, we knew orthodontic treatment would be needed." - Mom

Intervention 5

Bite Band Aids

We place sealants on the molar teeth to stop the functional shifting of lower jaw and return jaws to normal growth and development. Often the teeth straighten and the bite is corrected as well.

Before



After



Miss Virginia

“I am so proud of my new smile that Suffolk Braces. It has provided me the confidence I was looking for when I started treatment with their office. The process from start to finish was easy and the office was accommodating considering my busy schedule”.



Testimonials

We invite you to learn more from our patients about why they chose our office and why they are thrilled with their results by visiting our Website, Google Reviews, Facebook Pages or Patient Contact List.



1,064 Reviews



3,508 Likes

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