

# Orthodontics

## PATIENT PRESENTATION

Presenting Problem	Specific presenting problem	Refer to hospital	Refer to specialist practice	Referral probably not indicated
<b>Increased Overjet</b>	Overjet 6mm or under at any age			✓
	Overjet over 6mm >10 years		✓	
	Overjet over 9mm >10 years with significant skeletal discrepancies	✓		
<b>Crossbite</b>	Anterior crossbite with no/mild skeletal discrepancies		✓	
	Posterior crossbite		✓	
<b>Overbite</b>	Overbite traumatic tissues or open bite >3mm		✓	
<b>Crowding</b>	Crowding in mixed dentition			✓
<b>Crowding in permanent dentition</b>	Moderate or severe crowding		✓	
	Mild crowding, significant aesthetic detriment		✓	
	Mild crowding, little significant aesthetic detriment			✓
<b>Canines</b>	Not palpable buccally >10 years		✓	
	Palatally placed on radiographs		✓	
	Cs retained, not mobile >11 years		✓	
<b>Hypodontia (Ignore 8's)</b>	More than 1 tooth missing per quadrant	✓		
	Cleft lip and palate syndromes	✓		
	Medical history or management issues complicating treatment	✓		
	Problems likely to need complex surgical or restorative care	✓		
	Severe skeletal discrepancy/facial disharmony	✓		

### NO REFERRAL

No referral indicated at this time.

### REFERRAL TO HOSPITAL

Please refer patient to "Specialist Orthodontic Service - Grampian Orthodontic Care" via Sci Gateway.

#### Please confirm the following in referral:

- Reason that treatment is necessary
- Stability of oral health: patient has been caries free for 12 months (exception for opinion e.g. compromised 6s)
- No active periodontal disease
- Excellent oral hygiene
- Patient is motivated
- Understanding of the complexity and length of care/treatment
- Patient advised the initial appointment will be for orthodontic assessment only and does not guarantee an offer of treatment
- Patient aware they may need their General Dental Practitioner to refer on to another provider depending on the complexity of their problem

#### Ensure the following information is included in the referral:

- Relevant clinical findings (salient features of malocclusion)
- Previous orthodontic treatment
- Study models/photographs if requesting an opinion
- Relevant radiographs if available

### REFERRAL TO SPECIALIST PRACTICE

Please refer patient using the "Specialist Practice" referral protocols.

**Note:** Specialist practices may still need to refer to Aberdeen Dental Hospital if treatment proves to be more complicated.