

# The American Association of Orthodontists Recommends Treatment for Adults, When Appropriate, in Conjunction with Regular Dental Care

## Why Correction of Orthodontic Problems in Adults is Important:

- Can help prevent or improve periodontal problems
- Can help prevent or reduce further bone loss around teeth
- Improves ability of the dentist to restore missing teeth
- Improves aesthetics for a better smile and facial appearance
- Improves function of teeth
- Improves self-confidence and self-esteem
- Improves oral health

**By working together, the dental team can achieve results for patients that cannot be produced alone.**

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## Resources:

[mylifemysmile.org](http://mylifemysmile.org)

**AAO members in your area.**

# Problems to Watch for in Adults

Malocclusions, some of which are illustrated below, may be improved by orthodontic treatment.

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Anterior Crossbite



Spacing



Crowding



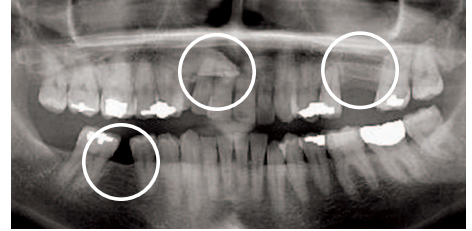
Open Bite



Protrusion



Impacted/Tipped/Missing Teeth



Periodontal Problems



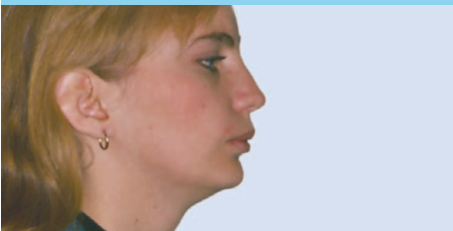
Tooth Wear/Bruixism



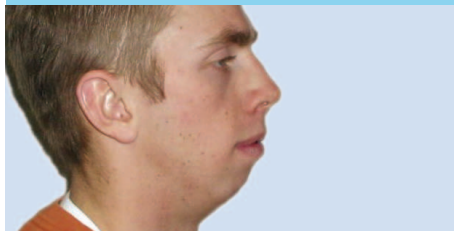
Deep Bite



Class II



Vertical Problems



Class III

