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PHASE 2 RETAINERS

- 1. After braces are removed, all patients must wear upper & lower retainers.
 - a. For the lower, this involves a permanent glued wire behind the lower front teeth.
 - b. For the upper, a plate retainer is used which is made of hard plastic. This has a metal wire on the front to hold the teeth in place.
 - c. Retainers worn full time for 6 months, then night time for two years, then approx 1 night per week, for as long as possible.
- 2. Option of Additional Clear Upper Retainer
 - a. If you need a more aesthetic retainer to wear <u>during the day</u>, we can provide a clear upper retainer. You still need to wear the plate retainer at home and night time.
 - b. Clear retainers hold individual teeth better especially suitable for adults
 - c. Disadvantages of clear retainer: More fragile & does not last long term.
 - d. Additional cost of \$200 Child (Upper only)
 - e. Additional cost of \$300 Adult (Upper & Lower).

Please advise reception if you would like the additional option of a clear upper aesthetic retainer (additional cost).



Clear Retainer



Plate retainer







