



What makes early orthodontic treatment work? (a schematic overview)

Dentist/ hygienist/ therapist

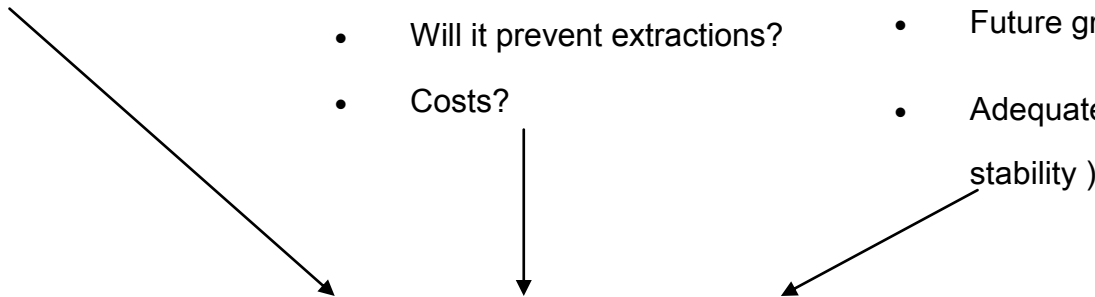
- Identify the malocclusion
- Awareness of role of growth in altering malocclusions
- Awareness of dental developmental changes in altering malocclusions
- Awareness of interceptive orthodontic procedures

Parents/ Carer

- Main Concerns
- Would treatment hurt?
- Would my son/daughter wear this?
- Will it prevent braces?
- Parent expectations?
- Does it have to be now?
- Will it prevent extractions?
- Costs?

Child (patient) factors

- Self-Esteem/social awareness
- Oral hygiene/ caries risk
- Trauma risk assessment ie: for large overjet or traumatic crossbite
- Child expectations
- Future growth potential
- Adequate teeth (appliance retention/ stability)



Orthodontic Treatment Plan

Treat OR Refer now OR Recall/Monitor

