

WEBINARS: APRIL 4, 2023 (BILL) AND APRIL 5, 2023 (BOBBY) EARLY ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT

How children's malocclusions are treated in mixed dentition can not only affect their self esteem but also their long term health. It has been estimated that as many as 70% of children have some form of malocclusion so it is important that we learn how to help them correct these orthodontic and orthopedic (skeletal) problems. There are two treatment options for children with crooked teeth. Extraction of bicuspids or develop the arches with functional appliances. Given the options, children and adults all want straight teeth, no extractions and a broad smile. Crooked teeth will make children self-conscious and discourage them from smiling. This can affect their personality development and their failure to smile will make others think that they are unfriendly and therefore have negative social consequences. An example of this would be the child with "buck teeth". They are often so ashamed they will not smile and are constantly ridiculed by other children. The treatment is often to use a jaw repositioning functional appliance, such as the Twin Block to move the lower jaw forward to improve the receding lower jaw problem and the Rick-A-Nator to correct deep overbite and eliminate TMJ problems. Mothers are looking for dentists who can treat their children's malocclusions at an early age. They do not want to wait until the malocclusion gets worse and the cost for orthodontic treatment increases.

COURSE CONTENT

1. How to recognize a narrow dental arch that needs arch development.
2. Removable and fixed orthodontic expansion appliances.
3. Fixed Habit Appliance with a tongue crib to prevent anterior tongue thrust and thumb sucking.
4. Rick-A-Nator to correct deep overbite and eliminate TMJ problems.
5. How functional appliances like the Twin Block can prevent TMD and snoring and sleep apnea in children and adults.

Why would you refer out 50 orthodontic cases per year at \$6,500 per case when you can retain the \$325,000 in your bank account.