

Problems to Watch For in Adults



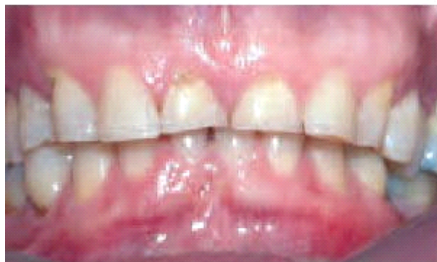
CROWDING



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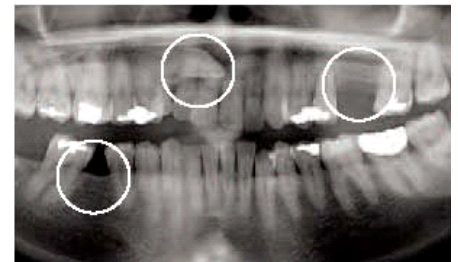
ANTERIOR CROSSBITE



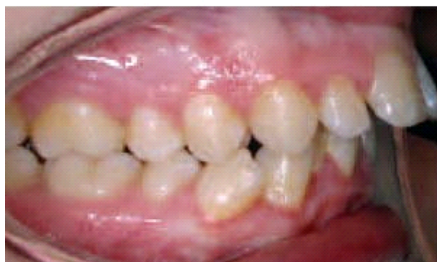
TOOTH WEAR/BRUXISM



PERIODONTAL PROBLEMS



IMPACTED/TIPPED/MISSING TEETH



PROTRUSION



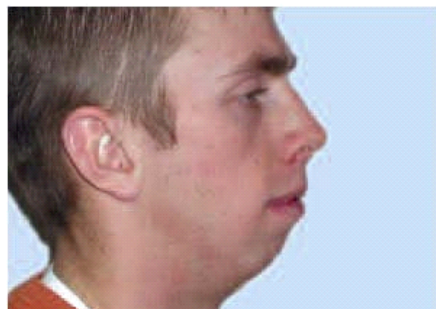
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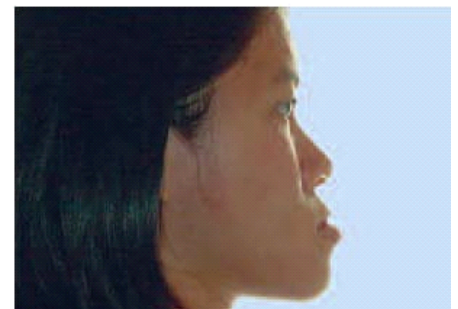
DEEP BITE



CLASS II



VERTICAL PROBLEMS



CLASS III

Malocclusions, like those illustrated above, may be improved by orthodontic treatment.

Final treatment decisions should be made in consultation with the family dentist,

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

Some of the reasons correction of orthodontic problems is important to adults:

- 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:

- **AAO Web site, www.braces.org**
 - Scientific articles in *Orthodontic Dialogue* in the “For Dentists” section;
 - Online orthodontic glossary in the “For Dentists” section;
 - Frequently asked questions and answers in the “About Orthodontics” section.

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