

Patient Information

The University of Minnesota Orthodontics Clinic is a teaching institution that provides a variety of high-quality, affordable treatment methods. All forms of malocclusions, from minor crowding to cases requiring jaw surgery are treated in our clinic. Treatment is provided by our graduate orthodontic residents under the supervision of a faculty member. All residents are dentists seeking specialized training and all faculty members are certified specialist in orthodontics.

Becoming a Patient

Your initial visit to the orthodontic clinic will be for a screening exam. This is a brief, cursory examination of the teeth, jaws and mouth that will be used to evaluate the need and timing of any required orthodontic treatment for you or your child. There is no charge for the screening appointment. If you are selected, a patient coordinator can discuss with you insurance coverage and payment options.

In order to qualify for screening, the prospective patient must:

- Be at least 7 years of age
- Have good oral hygiene habits
- Routinely receive professional dental care

As patients of the Graduate clinic you will be assigned to a specific resident and faculty team for your care. Typically our faculty members teach in the clinic one day a week. As such, we prefer patients to maintain appointments on that specific day of the week to provide continuity of care with an assigned faculty team. We ask patients to consider if their schedule can accommodate this system of appointments.

Following the Screening Examination, the next step for the patient is to be scheduled for a Records Appointment. At the Records Appointment, the resident examines the patient clinically, obtains x-rays, takes photographs and makes impressions of the teeth for study models. A fee for the records is due at this appointment. This fee represents part of the total fee for orthodontic treatment. If the patient elects not to be treated at the UMN Orthodontic Clinic after records are taken, this fee is non-refundable.

The next scheduled appointment is for a Consultation with your resident orthodontist. At this appointment treatment options are presented and discussed and financial arrangements are made. In addition, treatment may be initiated at this appointment providing that the fee is paid in full or a payment plan has been initiated.

Contact Information

Those interested in seeking orthodontic treatment at UMN Orthodontic Department should contact the Orthodontic Clinic at (612) 625-6444. Orthodontic Screening Examinations are offered Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1pm.