

What to Expect on your 1st Orthodontic Visit



At PDG Orthodontics, we are always excited about meeting new patients during their first orthodontic visit to our office. The initial examination appointment is approximately one hour in length and will consist of an office tour, photographs, a panoramic x-ray (if needed), an examination of the facial structures and bite, a discussion of treatment options, the costs, and our payment schedules.

There are five essential questions that we will cover during the initial examination:

- Is there an orthodontic problem, and if so, what is it?
- What can be done to correct the problem?
- Will any teeth need to be removed?
- How long will the treatment take to complete?
- How much will the treatment cost and payment options?



We can answer these essential questions during the initial examination. After analysis of the x-rays, photos, and models a diagnosis of the facial structures and bite are determined and an appropriate treatment plan is selected.



It is important to analyze each patient's specific needs, because in-depth planning leads to superior results and higher patient satisfaction.

If at the initial orthodontic examination complete records are obtained, reviewed, and an appropriate treatment plan selected, it is possible to start orthodontic treatment on the same day.

Before you leave our office, we encourage you to ask any questions you may have. We want every patient and parent to have a clear understanding of their child's specific needs.

Getting orthodontic treatment can seem a little intimidating for children so we also encourage parents to re-enforce the benefits of treatment. Let your child know having that a beautiful smile will be well worth it!