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Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment

Interceptive treatment primarily focusses on younger patients (ages 7-9 years old) as an “early” intervention designed to address:

- Early or Late loss of primary teeth
- Mouth breathing
- Difficulty in chewing or biting
- Speech difficulties
- Jaws that protrude or blocked-out teeth
- Protruding teeth
- Biting the cheek or into the roof of the mouth
- Facial imbalances
- Finger-sucking or other harmful oral habits
- Grinding or clenching of the teeth (throughout the day or while sleeping)
- Teeth that meet in an abnormal manner or don't meet at all
- Narrow upper jaw/skeletal crossbite conditions
- Retained primary teeth
- Missing permanent teeth with appropriate space management for eventual implant replacement

Additionally, Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment may be beneficial in any one or more of the following:

- Avoiding fracture or loss of protruding front teeth
- Assuring the jaws meet properly during chewing and swallowing
- Eliminating harmful habits
- Correcting early misalignment of teeth
- Tooth interference with lower jaw displacement
- Faulty permanent tooth eruption, delayed eruption, sequence of permanent tooth eruption, or failure to permanent tooth eruption (impactions)
- Improving self-image