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Invisalign Clear Aligners

While the use of the Damon Bracket System allows for the most control of individual tooth movement, orthodontic alignment that requires less complicated tooth movements lend themselves nicely to treatment via a series of custom fitted clear plastic alignment trays that are worn over the teeth.

When someone desires straighter teeth and a more aligned bite to improve their smile, clear aligners can be an excellent treatment option to achieve their goals. To accomplish this, Dr. Cullinan uses state-of-the-art technology to image your teeth in 3-D with an intraoral scanner, which feeds into a computer to aid in designing your aligners. Specialized computer software then generates a series of progressive trays that slowly move your teeth into the correct position over time.

Wearing the aligners as recommended allows the patient to transition from one set of aligners to another. The teeth move through incremental changes built into each set of aligners. Close professional supervision and patient cooperation are the keys to a successful outcome with this removable approach.

It is important to note that some alignment issues cannot be corrected with this technology, as more tooth movement may be needed than it can achieve. You should consult with Dr. Cullinan to ensure that this treatment is appropriate for your situation.





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Invisalign Clear Aligners (continued)

Aligner treatment consists of a series of clear, removable, plastic aligners that are custom-made for your teeth.

And it's easy to get started. First, Dr. Cullinan talks to you about your goals and examines your teeth to ensure you will benefit from Aligner treatment. He then formulates a detailed treatment plan and with highly specialized tooth-movement software and a 3-D printer, fabricates a full set of customized aligners in our In-House Laboratory.

You wear each pair of aligners for a four-week period, allowing your teeth to gradually evolve into a smile that shows off the real you. Treatment length varies, depending on your dental condition and the severity of your case. But often, a full program of treatment takes less than one year.

The Aligners are easily removable, so you choose when you wear them. You're free to take them out whenever you need to. Eating, drinking... you name it. Even if you just need a break from wearing your aligners during a high school reunion or special work event, that's OK. But remember, you need to wear your aligners as prescribed by Dr. Cullinan in order to achieve your treatment goals.

Aligners are made just for you with advanced 3-D computerized technology. Your clear aligners are custom-made for your teeth. And only your teeth. Little by little, and over a time determined between you and Dr. Cullinan, your teeth will gently move to create the smile you've always wanted.

For a dazzling smile, either as a stand-alone approach or depending on the severity of the case combined with braces, can be an excellent option for those who are suitable candidates. Visit Dr. Cullinan to see if it's right for you. And before you know it, you'll be smiling the way you want to.

Call us to set up a consultation for Aligner treatment.

