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Decalcification and tooth decay associated with poor oral hygiene during orthodontic treatment
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Periodontal Disease

Crestal bone loss occurring with orthodontic treatment associated with poor oral hygiene

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External Apical Root Resorption (EARR)

Pre-orthodontic treatment full-mouth radiographs
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Post-orthodontic treatment full-mouth radiographs demonstrating EARR of incisors

Impacted maxillary canine in close proximity to lateral incisor apex
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Resorption of the lateral incisor apex by the impacted maxillary canine

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Safety release mechanisms on head gear attachment

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Pre-orthodontic treatment headplate demonstrating anterior open bite

Post-orthodontic treatment demonstrating relapse of open bite treatment
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Final surgical correction due to abnormal mandibular growth

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