THE PREDOCTORAL PROGRAM IN ORTHODONTICS

ORTHODONTICS & DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS

The dental specialty which includes the
-diagnosis
-prevention
-interception
-guidance
-correction
of malrelationships of the developing
or mature orofacial structures.

ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT

- PREVENTIVE
- INTERCEPTIVE
- LIMITED
- COMPREHENSIVE

ORTHODONTIC THERAPY

- malocclusion
- abnormal growth of the complex of craniofacial bones
- malfunction of the orofacial neuromusculature

MALOCCLUSION

- Impaired mastication
- Unfortunate facial esthetics
- Dysfunction of the temporomandibular articulation
- Susceptibility to dental caries
- Susceptibility to periodontal disease
- Impaired speech due to malpositions of the teeth

PREVENTIVE ORTHODONTICS

Dental treatment intended to prevent the development of a malocclusion

Examples

-Dental restorations
-Temporary prostheses (space maintainers)
-Extraction of deciduous teeth (delayed exfoliation)
PREVENTIVE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT

space maintainers

INTERCEPTIVE ORTHODONTICS

An extension of preventive orthodontics that may include localized tooth movement in an otherwise normal dentition

PRIMARY AND / OR PERMANENT DENTITION

Examples
- redirection of ectopically erupting teeth
- correction of isolated dental cross bite
- recovery of recent minor space loss where overall space is adequate

INTERCEPTIVE ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT

COMPREHENSIVE ORTHODONTICS

The coordinated diagnosis and treatment leading to the improvement of a patient’s craniofacial dysfunction and/or dentofacial deformity including anatomical, functional and esthetic relationships.

COMPREHENSIVE ORTHODONTICS

Treatment usually utilizes fixed orthodontic appliances and may include functional and/or orthopedic appliances.

Adjunctive procedures, such as extractions, maxillofacial surgery, myofunctional or speech therapy and restorative or periodontal care, may be coordinated disciplines.
COMPREHENSIVE ORTHODONTICS

Optimal care requires long-term consideration of patient’s needs and periodic reevaluation.

Treatment may incorporate several phases with specific objectives at various stages of dentofacial development.

LIMITED ORTHODONTICS

Orthodontic treatment with a limited objective, not involving the entire dentition.

It may be directed at the only existing problem, or at only one aspect of a larger problem in which a decision is made to defer or forego more comprehensive therapy.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Educate the predoctoral students
- identify all dentofacial deformities
- prevent certain types of malocclusion (e.g. crowding)
- perform interceptive orthodontics (e.g. correction of an isolated dental crossbite).
- perform limited orthodontics (e.g. uprighting a molar).
- get exposed to comprehensive orthodontics.

PREDOCTURAL ORTHODONTICS

- didactic material
- laboratory exercises
- clinical experience
TEXTBOOK

Essentials for Orthodontic Practice

Riolo, M. and Avery, J. Eds.,


Attendance is mandatory at all

- lectures / seminars
- laboratory sessions
- clinical sessions

WORKING
WITH THE POSTDOCTORAL
ORTHODONTIC STUDENTS

-didactic (seminars)
-laboratory sessions
-clinical experience