

End of Active Early Treatment (Phase 1)

Congratulations! Your child's early phase (Phase 1) of orthodontic treatment has come to an end! This first phase addressed specific bite and crowding concerns and guided the growth of the teeth and jawbones into an improved relationship. Early treatment is focused on improving the bite and creating space for the teeth, reducing the need for permanent teeth extraction. It is important to understand that at the end of the first phase of treatment, teeth are NOT in their final positions. This will be determined and accomplished in the second phase (comprehensive or completion phase) of treatment when all the adult teeth have erupted.

Today, we are entering the observation/retention phase of treatment where our objective will be to maintain the benefits of the early phase and monitor growth and development of the teeth and jaws as the primary teeth are lost. During this phase of observation, your child will wear a vacuum formed retainer.

- We will be scheduling your child for observation/retainer check visits at 3-6 month intervals to keep an eye on things and make recommendations as needed.

The comprehensive phase of treatment (Phase 2) will focus on detailing the alignment and fit of the teeth after all or most of the adult teeth have erupted. When this time comes, we will update records and review with you the necessary treatment to meet the goals of achieving a beautiful smile. Our treatment coordinator will discuss the fees for this second phase with you when the time comes to begin planning comprehensive treatment.

We appreciate your trust in our office in allowing us to treat your child and look forward to working with you during the observation and completion phase of treatment.