



The Hub Dental Practice CF and Agreement form for Invisalign Treatment



You have decided, or are considering orthodontic treatment using the Invisalign system instead of conventional fixed "braces" appliances. **There are at least 17 things you should know about the Invisalign system in addition to the fact that we do not give any guarantees.**

1. The Invisalign system uses removable clear trays. Patient cooperation with this treatment is imperative. If the aligners are not worn, the treatment will not work and there is no financial recourse. If teeth alignment/bite correction is still desired, fixed "braces" would be needed at an additional cost. Thus, compliance wearing the aligners 21 out of the 24 hours a day is the patient's responsibility with this treatment.
2. The removable trays with this system will move teeth if worn and achieve acceptable results. However, the results achieved will never be as perfect compared to fixed braces. Thus, if you are a perfectionist and want every line angle, rotation, and height almost perfect, then fixed braces are the treatment of choice and you should NOT have Invisalign treatment.
3. If the aligners are lost, the Invisalign Corporation does charge to replace the lost aligner(s) and the patient is responsible for this additional fee.
4. Because of several factors including cooperation, aligner material, computer simulation of tooth movement and individual tooth resistance, overall desired results may not always be achieved. The option then is to place fixed appliances (braces) on these teeth (additional costs will apply) to achieve the final movements desired. In our experience, this occurs in about 5-10% of cases and involves one or two teeth in regards to alignment.
5. 80% of cases require one or two refinement phases of aligners AFTER the initial set. The first sets of aligners do a majority of the movement. However, the clinical results do not always correlate to the initial computer simulation and refinement is then indicated. Invisalign includes 3 refinement sets of aligners in their fee. Each refinement phase can take an additional 3-10 months. So cooperation with wear would then be extended to this additional length of time to get the results desired. Remember the length of treatment quoted at the consultation visit is an estimate and actual length of time is influenced by several factors as previously mentioned.
6. Tooth decay, gum disease and permanent markings on teeth are fully preventable, but can occur if Invisalign patients eat food containing excessive sugar and/or do not clean their teeth frequently and properly, and do not follow dentist and Hygienist treatment/Hygiene/diet advice. Treatment for decayed/stained/broken/lost filling and tooth decalcification or staining is chargeable.
7. An injured tooth can die over a period of time with or without Invisalign treatment and it may not be obvious that a tooth was previously injured. This tooth may flare up during Invisalign movement and require root canal treatment. This occurrence is seldom due to Invisalign and is more frequently related to a previous accident. Your general dentist would need to perform a root canal treatment if the tooth should flare up before, during, or after Invisalign treatment. (Additional Fees will apply)
8. Root resorption and shortening of roots can occur with or without Invisalign treatment. Under healthy conditions, the shortened roots usually are not a problem. In very rare cases, shortened roots can be a cause of loose teeth
9. It is essential for patients to maintain excellent oral hygiene at ALL TIMES.
10. Teeth have a tendency to partially rebound toward their original positions after treatment. Rotations and crowding of lower anterior teeth are most common examples. Teeth also tend to drift forward in the mouth over the years. We strongly advise wearing retainers every night for the first year, and most every night from then on to avoid these biological changes.
11. Allergies to medicines and Invisalign materials may occur during treatment. If you are aware of these allergies they can be avoided, but if they are unknown to you, it is impossible to predict any reaction. People who are already allergic to certain foods are more prone to allergies to materials. Some allergies that we are aware of include latex and metals.
12. Patients with malocclusions may have a high potential for TMJ (or temporo-mandibular) problems, which may become evident before, during or after Invisalign treatment. These may include joint pain, ear pain, and/or headaches. Invisalign treatment may help remove the dental causes of the TMJ syndrome but not the non-dental causes. TMJ problems can be both painful and expensive to treat. We may need to refer you to a doctor who specializes in TMJ problems, and this would be a separate fee at that doctor's office.
13. Occasionally, unexpected or abnormal changes in the growth of the jaws or shape and size of the teeth may limit our ability to achieve the desired result. If growth becomes disproportionate, the bite may CHANGE, requiring additional treatment or, in some cases, oral surgery. Growth disharmony is a biological process beyond the orthodontist's control.
14. Sometimes Invisalign appliances may be accidentally swallowed or aspirated, or may irritate or damage the oral tissue. Teeth may be chipped or restorations (fillings or crowns) dislodged
15. Sometimes to obtain more than just cosmetic improvements, simple or even complex oral surgery could be necessary in conjunction with Invisalign treatment, especially to correct severe jaw imbalances. We suggest that if you are considering this option, that you discuss risks with your oral surgeon before making your decision to proceed with the surgery. If you decline the option of "ideal treatment" we will explain as best we can the cosmetic improvements to the smile that are possible without surgery
16. Each Invisalign patient MUST be under the care of a general dentist, and your general dentist may refer adult patients to a Hygienist It is essential that Invisalign patients have regular dental check-ups and cleanings as directed by your general dentist (usually in intervals of 3 to 6 months between cleanings).
17. Completion of Invisalign treatment, especially in adults, can result in slight spaces between some teeth. This is especially true if teeth were extracted, or if the widths of individual teeth are inconsistent. Also, in some adults with very crowded teeth, the gum tissues do not fill in, so there appears to be a space between teeth due to missing gum tissue.

I realise that signing this does not oblige me to have all or any part of the treatment proposed, but is simply an acknowledgement of the fact that I am giving my informed consent if I decide to go ahead.

I have read and understand the above and thus consent to treatment for myself or dependent using Invisalign.

Name _____

Date of Birth ____//____//____

Signature _____

Date ____//____//____