

## Treatment

patients



### Why See an Orthodontist?

Orthodontists are dental specialists. Upon dental school graduation, they continue their full-time university-based education for an additional two to three years before they become a certified practitioner of orthodontics. Studying tooth movement (orthodontics) and guidance of facial development (dentofacial orthopedics), orthodontists are uniquely educated dental experts who solely straighten teeth and align jaws.

Orthodontists diagnose, prevent and treat dental and facial irregularities. Concentrating strictly on orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, allows orthodontists to become highly skilled in this dental specialty. No matter the age, orthodontics can protect your bite (occlusion), maximize your teeth's effectiveness in performing their functions and create a well-aligned smile.

### How Orthodontic Treatment Works

Orthodontic appliances come in a variety of materials including metal, ceramic or plastic. They can be removable or they may be bonded to the teeth. Brackets can be wire or clear with colorful ties to show your personality or school spirit. A carefully controlled, constant, gentle force is exerted by braces to slowly move teeth to a corrected position in order to achieve an optimum bite, thereby improving the patient's appearance and health.

### Appliances Utilized in Treatment

Dr. Gamm chooses treatment appliances based on his experience dealing with cases of almost every type and complexity in over fifteen years of practice. This performance knowledge allows him to choose appliances that excel in quality, comfort, effectiveness and efficiency in correcting orthodontic problems.

### How Long Does Treatment Last?

Treatment time varies, usually ranging from one to three years, with Dr. Gamm's patients averaging eighteen months.

Several factors influence the length of treatment time, including the severity of the orthodontic problem, age of patient and growth patterns, as well as the patient's cooperation in following the treatment plan.

### Testimonials

I wanted to write you to thank you for all that you do. From our first visit to your office when you and your outstanding staff helped ease my wife and my minds with your careful and considerate diagnosis regarding my daughter's accident resulting in major trauma to her mouth. You have carefully guided us through the process and helped restore her mouth to its current state. In addition you should be commended for all that you do for our community. You are always asked to donate to various organizations and from what I see you have been extremely generous in giving back to several Mansfield's groups who have been in need of support over the years. You and your staff are not only excellent care providers, you are all a terrific and supportive member of our community and I thank you and your entire staff for all that you do. All the best: Jess A.

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