

# What is Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics?

Orthodontics is the branch of dentistry that specializes in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of dental and facial irregularities ("crooked" teeth and wrongly positioned jaws).

#### Who is an Orthodontist?

Orthodontist is a "Dental Specialist" (MDS degree) who is educated and trained to "straighten teeth" by comprehensive means

### When should a child see an Orthodontist?

- The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that every child first visit an Orthodontist by 7 years or earlier if a problem is detected by parents, the family dentist or the child's physician.
- Early Orthodontic treatment in some cases can prevent major Orthodontic treatment later on. In some instances, children need two phases or stages of Orthodontic treatment. For many children, Orthodontic treatment can be postponed to a later time.

How about Adult Orthodontic treatment? Orthodontic treatments can be successfully performed at almost any age. 20 -25% of Orthodontic patients are adults.

### How long will treatment last?

- Treatment time in Orthodontics is quite variable depending on difficulty and also patient cooperation.
- Sometimes new technologies, proper diagnosis and treatment plans can shorten treatment time as much as 30-40%.

## What are advantages of Orthodontic treatment?

Orthodontic treatment and Dentofacial Orthopedics help to arrange crooked teeth and wrongly positioned jaws into a perfect alignment so that you can preserve your natural teeth for lasting aesthetics and enhance longevity of the gums and the teeth.

## What are different types of Braces?

Other than conventional metal and ceramic braces, Lilavati Hospital Dental Centre offers Invisalign, the world leader in aligners and Invisible braces on the inner side of the teeth too.

# Why should I seek treatment in Lilavati Hospital?

The Orthodontists at Lilavati Hospital are Certified Diplomates of the Indian Board of Orthodontics. That is a recognition of practice of the highest level of Clinical Excellence in India. As of 2016, only 3 in 100 Indian orthodontists are certified. Besides the routine our Orthodontists practice the latest in Orthodontics like Invisalign, Invisible braces, use of efficient Orthodontic techniques like Microimplants and Accelerated Orthodontics at affordable costs

### **Services available at Lilavati Hospital:**

- Invisible Orthodontics
- Ceramic/ Metallic Braces
- Orthognathic Surgeries
- Adult Orthodontics

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