

Dear Parents:

It seems most of our children these days are developing crowded teeth and their jaws are developing incorrectly. Although symptoms of this can be evident from as young as three years old, dentists usually recommend waiting until the child is older to treat with braces and possibly extractions. Because braces are an effective way to mechanically straighten teeth and they are not aware of any alternatives, most often parents accept this professional advice and hold off treatment until their child is around 12 to 14. We all know this does not solve the issue permanently though and once the braces are removed teeth will almost certainly relapse and crowd again, especially if the child does not wear their retainer.

Crowded teeth do not just happen, they are a symptom as well as a warning sign that your child's jaws and face are not developing correctly. With more than 25 years of extensive research, Myofunctional Research Co. (MRC) has proven why so many children have crowded teeth. The main culprits causing crowded teeth are poor oral habits, such as mouth breathing and incorrect swallowing, combined with the forces of the tongue cheeks and lips. In order to prevent more serious problems developing in later years these bad habits can and should be treated as early as possible. Early intervention also achieves results that are not possible once the face and jaws have stopped growing.

Based on this research, Dr. Mata uses a different approach to orthodontic treatment. MRC's state of the art Myobrace® appliances correct bad oral habits in growing children and improve dental as well as facial development. This means orthodontic problems can be corrected much earlier than with traditional treatments and most often without the need for braces or extractions. Nurturing the child's natural development using the Myobrace® system also allows children to develop to their genetic potential

The main points of difference is, Dr Mata addresses orthodontic issues using these innovative appliances rather than fixed braces and early treatment is encouraged. Traditional orthodontics is directed at moving teeth whereas the Myobrace® treatment system uses a different principle in that the oral environment is improved by eliminating the bad habits causing crooked teeth. By achieving this, not only are teeth aligned, there is better retention.

Myobrace® appliances are easily used and worn for one hour each day, during normal daily activity, and overnight. Because of high demand from parents for this pain and stress free solution, Dr. Mata is devoted to this form of treatment and focused on improved facial development. The Myobrace® system improves the appearance of the whole face and the fun, interactive treatment encourages children to take responsibility for correcting their habits.

Preventing the need for braces is now a viable possibility and more about this global trend away from traditional orthodontic techniques can be found at www.myobrace.com. The next step towards treatment is a consultation which includes a nine point evaluation of the patient's dental and jaw development along with an educational presentation. Please contact our office at (312)263-6793 in Chicago or (224) 206-7468 to book a consultation with our concierge or in this website 24/7.

Regards,

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