

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need orthodontics?

This is a very individual question with no one answer. Everyone wants a beautiful smile and proper tooth alignment also plays a part in overall, long-term health. The orthodontist's goal is to achieve both for the patient.

Why should I choose a specialist?

Teeth, and sometimes faces, are permanently changed by orthodontic treatment; therefore, it is very important that the treatment be properly done. Orthodontists limit their practice to orthodontic treatment only. They have learned the special skills required for tooth movement and guidance of facial development by completing an advanced training program after receiving a dental degree.

How much will it cost?

This will depend on many factors including the severity of the problem, its complexity and length of treatment. There are a variety of convenient payment plans available that make orthodontic treatment more affordable than ever.

When should treatment begin?

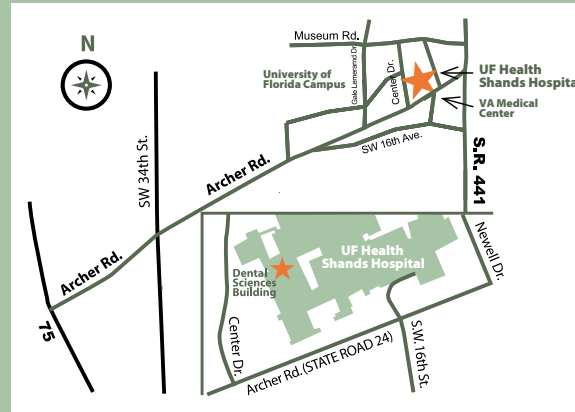
There is no one answer to this because each orthodontic problem determines its own best starting time. For this reason, the American Association of Orthodontists recommends that every child first visit an orthodontist at age 7. This allows the orthodontist to determine when a child's particular issue should be treated for maximum improvement with the least time and expense.

What about adult orthodontic treatment?

Orthodontic treatment can be successful at any age; about 25 percent of orthodontic patients today are adults. The biological process involved in tooth movement is the same for adults and children.

Am I a candidate for Invisalign®?

Many cases can be treated with Invisalign® or a combination of Invisalign® and regular braces. The orthodontist will discuss your treatment options with you.



Location

Our dental centers are located on the UF campus, part of the UF Health Shands complex at the west entrance, on the first floor. Faculty Practice is in room D1-13 and Graduate Orthodontics is in D1-31.

Evaluation

Please call (352) 273-7960 to arrange a screening appointment with one of our orthodontists. A payment of \$40 is required at this appointment. During this visit, the orthodontist will examine you or your child, inform you of any orthodontic needs and how they can best be managed. Questions are encouraged so that you can make a well-informed decision about treatment options.

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Meet our orthodontics faculty



Calogero Dolce,
D.D.S., Ph.D.

Dr. Dolce is a professor and chair of the UF Department of Orthodontics. A Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, he earned his dental degree and his Ph.D. from State University New York-Buffalo, and his orthodontics certificate from UF. Dr. Dolce's research interests are in the biology of tooth movement, treatment of class II malocclusion and repair of cleft lip and palate.



John Neubert,
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Dr. Neubert treats patients with orthodontic needs and those with orofacial pain. He earned his dental degree from the University of California Los Angeles. He earned specialty certificates in orofacial pain management from UCLA and in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics from UF. He joined UF in 2003 and is an established translational researcher whose work is recognized worldwide.



Wellington Rody,
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Dr. Rody joined the orthodontics department after 10 years in private practice. He earned his dental degree from the Federal University of Espirito Santo (Brazil), specialty certificates from the Catholic University of Minas Gerais (Brazil) and UF and a master's degree from the University of Washington. He received a three-year teaching fellowship from the American Association of Orthodontists and a faculty development award for his dedication to graduate orthodontic education and research.



Timothy Wheeler,
D.M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Wheeler is a professor in the UF Department of Orthodontics and a nationally-recognized expert specializing in Invisalign® treatment and research. He earned his dental degree, his Ph.D., and an orthodontic specialty certificate from UF and has served on faculty for 25 years. He teaches the latest orthodontic technologies and techniques, has performed clinical trials for more than 25 years, and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.

Two orthodontics clinics – *choose the one that's right for you*

Faculty Practice

Our faculty orthodontists see patients in this clinic. Fees are based on the difficulty of the case and fee-range estimates are discussed with the patient at the first screening appointment.

Final fees are established after the orthodontist has completed a treatment plan and before any treatment begins. In this dental center, treatment can be started at any time, typical appointments take between 15-30 minutes, and morning or afternoon appointments are available.



We provide all types of orthodontic services for children, teenagers and adults including braces, Invisalign® and surgical treatment.

Graduate Center

Under the direct supervision of one of the faculty orthodontists, our residents treat all levels of cases and fees are reduced because it is a teaching program. There are some minor inconveniences associated with receiving your orthodontic care in a teaching environment.

For example:

- ▶ Date of receipt of deposit determines the spot on the waiting list; typically the waiting list can vary from three to six months. However the list may be longer or shorter depending on demand. Please understand that we try to treat everyone as soon as possible.
- ▶ Appointments must be made with the assigned attending orthodontist. These are on a certain half-day of the week and are not flexible.
- ▶ Appointments are generally about one hour long.

To make a screening appointment,
call 352.273.7960.