

**PARKS & SCHMIT
ORTHODONTICS**

**AN EXPERIENCE THAT WILL
MAKE YOU SMILE!**

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WELCOME TO PARKS & SCHMIT ORTHODONTICS

DEDICATED TO PROVIDING QUALITY CARE



Providing the highest quality orthodontic care and patient comfort in a fun, friendly and caring environment are our goals at Parks & Schmit Orthodontics. By utilizing the most technologically advanced equipment, materials and techniques, we are able to complete

your treatment in the most efficient manner possible. Our goal is simply to create "an experience that will make you smile".

WHAT SETS US APART?

Flexible Scheduling

Our office understands how busy families are these days. No one offers greater flexibility when scheduling your orthodontic appointments than us. We have four orthodontists, three convenient locations in Cedar Rapids and Marion, and hours from 7am-5pm Monday through Friday.

Commitment to Technology

We are consistently striving for the best results for our patients and are dedicated to staying

on the cutting edge of the latest technology in orthodontics. We are proud to be the only office in our area to offer indirect bonding. Indirect bonding not only allows us to position braces more accurately and comfortably, it only takes a few minutes to get braces! Our digital x-rays significantly reduce the exposure to radiation.

Experienced Staff

Creating beautiful smiles is what we love to do and our enthusiasm shows. With years of experience, our friendly and caring staff will ensure that your experience in our office is not only fun but exceeds your expectations in every way.

Communication and Encouragement

Our practice puts an emphasis on our patients' oral hygiene needs. It is extremely important we communicate and work with you and your dentist to ensure not only a beautiful smile but a healthy one as well.

Other benefits at Parks and Schmit Orthodontics

- Tooth-colored ceramic braces
- Invisalign
- Wi-Fi available for use in all our offices



WHY CHOOSE AN ORTHODONTIST?

Orthodontists are specially trained in the art and science of straightening teeth, improving



jaw function, and creating beautiful smiles. After finishing dental school, Drs. Parks, Schmit, Southard and Ray completed advanced training in orthodontics. All believe in providing the highest quality of care and therefore

have become Board Certified by the American Board of Orthodontics. Trusting your smile to a specialist is important because the benefits of orthodontic treatment can last a lifetime.



WORKING WITH YOUR DENTIST

It is extremely important that you continue to visit your family dentist regularly for routine dental check ups. Our office works closely with your dentist to ensure that you achieve a healthy smile. We maintain open communication so that he/she is informed about your orthodontic care.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ORTHODONTICS

What causes orthodontic problems?

Orthodontic problems like crowding, spacing, extra or missing teeth, and jaw relationship



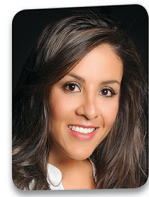
discrepancies may be inherited. Some orthodontic problems are developed over time. These problems can be caused by thumb or finger sucking, poor oral hygiene, early or late loss of baby teeth and loss of permanent teeth.

What are the benefits of an early orthodontic evaluation?

Early evaluation allows for the timely detection of orthodontic problems. In turn, it provides an



opportunity for more effective treatment. Prudent intervention guides growth and development to prevent serious problems later. The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that all children receive an initial orthodontic evaluation at the first sign of orthodontic problems or no later than age 7. At this early age, orthodontic treatment may not be necessary. We will encourage patients to return periodically (every 6-12 months) at no fee to "observe" and monitor dental development.



What are Observation Visits?

Observation visits allow us to monitor growth and development. These visits help us anticipate when it is most advantageous to make orthodontic records and to begin treatment at the ideal time.

What are Orthodontic Records?

Orthodontic records consist of models/casts and digital radiographs/photographs of the teeth and face. These assist us in formulating an individualized treatment plan for each patient. This plan will be discussed at the Treatment Plan Conference.

When is the best time to begin orthodontic treatment?

After reviewing the orthodontic records and making a treatment plan, we will discuss the optimal timing for your individual treatment needs. No two patients are exactly alike.

How long does treatment take?

Each patient's treatment is unique. However, patients generally wear braces less than two years. A variety of factors determine treatment time, such as the severity of the problem being corrected and how well the patient follows the treatment instructions. Once the braces are removed, patients wear retainers to keep their teeth in their new positions.



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