



“Is Early Treatment Worthwhile? The 8 Things You Must Know Before Choosing Your Family’s Orthodontist”

1. Orthodontics today can do far more than just straighten teeth. Sculpting a beautiful smile requires an enormous attention to details that goes far beyond tooth alignment. I am Dr. Peter Suffield. My passion is not to simply straighten teeth, but rather to create a smile which increases confidence, self-esteem, attractiveness, happiness, and even fun for children and adults. I truly believe my orthodontic treatment creates **life-long advantages and opportunities for my patients.**
2. The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that all children should have an orthodontic evaluation by **age 7**. An experienced orthodontist can clearly see by age seven whether developmental issues can turn into problems. **Early detection of common orthodontic problems such as crowding, premature loss of baby teeth, cross bites, or many other unfavorable developmental issues can lead to the implementation of the most appropriate treatment, that can result in a shorter course of therapy, and is less painful for the patient.**

Frequently, no early intervention will be necessary, except careful monitoring of your child’s dental development. This will give you peace of mind when it is not clear to you whether an issue you see is really a problem or just a stage of development that doesn’t require intervention.

3. At the time of their initial orthodontic evaluation, many children will not benefit from early orthodontic intervention, yet will benefit when they are older. Dr. Suffield places many children on a suitably timed observation program to monitor their development and begin orthodontic treatment later. Rest assured that Dr. Suffield will wait until treatment should be started to make the treatment as quick, simple, comfortable, and inexpensive as possible. Unfortunately, in our area, not all practices share this viewpoint.

Make your orthodontic experience as simple as possible. Ask what your child gains, in-the-long-run, from doing something right now; especially with early treatment. Only accept a detailed and convincing explanation. If you still wonder, seek another opinion.

4. **Although orthodontic treatment is possible at any age, there is an ideal time when the most advanced techniques will produce the optimal result. An orthodontic specialist is trained to determine the best time. An overbite is best treated during active growth, but not too early which can greatly prolong the process without an improvement in the final outcome. Crowding is usually a result of narrow jaws yet early orthopedic expansion can also increase expense without any benefit over advanced techniques, which can be accomplished more efficiently and effectively later. An experienced specialist can advise you when it is the best time to treat every orthodontic problem. This is why early evaluation is advised.**

5. Dr. Suffield makes orthodontic care affordable for your family. We offer complimentary initial orthodontic consultations. In addition, if Dr. Suffield recommends treatment at the time of your initial visit, we offer many options to make treatment affordable. We tailor a payment plan to fit you. It's not a one-size-fits-all formula, which may work seriously to your disadvantage if you have a responsible credit history. Also, our fees are always competitive in our area. In addition, we accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover, and automatic debit services.
6. To seek treatment from an orthodontic specialist, you do not need to be referred by a general dentist. In fact, many patients that are treated by Dr. Suffield are not referred by a general dentist. These patients come to us because of the recommendation of their friends and family, regarding their experience with Dr. Suffield and his reputation for personalized care.
7. Orthodontic treatment is not just for children any longer! In fact, 40 percent of the patients treated by Dr. Suffield are adults. Many of our adult patients are finding out now how a healthy, attractive smile can enhance their careers, as well as their self-esteem and happiness. And, treatment time can be greatly reduced as well.

Even though you may not have gotten braces when you were young, why deprive yourself any longer of the many benefits of expert orthodontic treatment? In fact, several new procedures available today, such as Invisalign®, and even braces behind the teeth, are much more convenient for a busy adult's schedule, and so invisible you'll be the only one that knows!

8. There are many, many details that go into selecting an orthodontic office. Look closely at the details. Ask yourself:

Who addresses the details for you both professionally and in support service?
 What is the atmosphere you sense when visiting the office?
 Were you treated the way you would choose to be treated?
 Did you walk away understanding the process?

We are very confident about what you will discover at Suffield Orthodontics, and we encourage you to find out for yourself.

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