

newsletter

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Dear Colleague,

The world of orthodontics continues to change at a great pace. Techniques, materials and appliances have developed to make orthodontic treatment options more aesthetic than ever, and as a result, more appealing to a far wider age group. Treatment times are reducing and outcomes more predictable with the aid of treatment outcome simulators. Monitoring of treatment progress is becoming more ingenious and adaptable to our patients' needs. Orthodontic appliances can now fit more readily into our patient's lifestyles and needn't be an obstacle to overcome in the workplace or socially. They are more comfortable and user friendly than ever. Repayment schemes are available to make treatment more realistic and affordable and the internet is awash with information on orthodontics which enlightens people to their options.

In amongst all this however, is one constant. That's the need for an experienced clinician to be able to diagnose, appropriately treatment plan and subsequently 'drive' our patients' treatments. Everyone's treatment needs are different and every treatment progresses in different ways. All appliances, including pre-programmed systems, need careful and knowledgeable oversight and input from a capable orthodontist. Changes need to be made at appropriate times to steer treatment to the best outcomes and efficiently and safely overcome problems as they develop. Appliances are increasingly sophisticated but all need monitoring and steering.

So, **Colchester Orthodontic Centre** is very proud to be able to offer a fully dedicated Specialist Orthodontic service to referring General Dental Practitioners and self-referring . Our team of Specialist Orthodontists, Orthodontic Therapists, Treatment Coordinators and nurses are committed to providing an outstanding and safe orthodontic treatment experience, fully adaptable to every patient's needs, regardless of age. We offer a wide range of treatment options including Invisalign, ceramic fixed braces, Damon appliance, functional appliances, Carriere appliance and lingual appliances.

Our GDC registered Orthodontic specialists are **Gareth Davies** and **Keegan Gowans**. Both are delighted to accept your child and adult referrals for treatment. They will provide a thorough and comprehensive orthodontic assessment together with appropriate, realistic and safe treatment options for your patients to consider. They encourage working collaboratively with referring GDP's to provide the best outcomes for hypodontia patients and those requiring restorative and prosthodontic input as part of an overall management pathway. They will also be more than happy to organise to come to your practice to talk about orthodontic diagnosis or treatments or simply to highlight potential orthodontic issues in both child and adult patients.

For more information on how to refer or on any of the above issues, please contact our Lead Treatment Coordinator Laura Shewbridge. She can organise to help you and your patients as quickly as possible.

Best wishes and a Happy New Year

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