



Colchester Orthodontic Centre

Winter 2017 Newsletter

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Welcome to our Winter 2017 newsletter. We hope it will help to keep you updated on important developments both within Colchester Orthodontic Centre and orthodontics in general. Please take 5 minutes to read it through. If you have any comments, observations or questions, please feel free to let us know. In the meantime we wish you a healthy and prosperous new year!
Gareth Davies, Orthodontic Specialist

Dental Extractions
We understand that a number of GDP's for various reasons are unhappy about being asked to remove teeth as part of orthodontic treatment plans. Although we try to formulate non-extraction treatment plans wherever possible, there will always be cases that require extractions for appropriate and successful management. Extractions are often required not just to manage crowding but also to correct displaced centre lines, reduce overjet's, correct molar relationships and to avoid gingival recession. If you are unsure why extractions have been advocated for your patient, please feel free to ask. We will be more than happy to explain the reasoning.

Case of the month
This gentleman is wearing a lingual fixed brace bonded to the lingual surfaces of the upper lower teeth. These images show his progress in just 4 months. We'll keep you updated with his excellent progress.

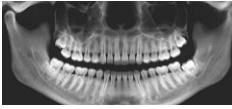
After just 4 months!

The Incognito lingual brace system is a great choice if you have patients that are not disciplined enough for an Invisalign appliance but do not want a visible brace. Gareth Davies is an accredited provider of the Incognito brace system
Please contact Megan our treatment co-ordinator for more information.



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New Website
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The internet is a powerful tool to gain knowledge and send information without the need to rely on the postman and telephone. Consequently, we have made it our priority to redesign our current website to make it easier for patients and dentists to use.
One of the most helpful options will be the ability for you to refer your patients online. We will confirm receipt of your online referrals via email. You can also send any general enquiries via our website contact form.
We appreciate that not everyone wants to send referrals via a website so naturally we will continue to accept paper referrals and enquiries.
Comments will be welcomed and we will appreciate it if you could inform us of any problems you might experience with using the website.
The new website aims to be live by March 2017 – watch this space!!
www.colchesterorthodontics.co.uk



Reducing unnecessary radiation exposure to patients

New patient orthodontic assessments routinely require radiographs to assist with diagnosis and treatment planning. We therefore ask you to please send any radiographs with your referrals which may have been taken within the last 2 years. We have x-ray copying facilities in the practice which allows us to quickly make copies of the radiographs and return them to you. Hopefully between us, we can reduce the overall radiation exposure to our patients while still obtaining the necessary information. Thank you.