

Invisalign® - Frequently Asked Questions

What are aligners made of?

Aligners are made of clear, strong medical grade plastic that is virtually invisible when worn.

What do aligners look like?

Aligners are clear and look similar to tooth-whitening trays, but are custom-made for a better fit to move teeth. Some dentists have referred to them as “contact lenses for teeth.”

How do I wear the aligners?

You'll wear each set of clear aligners day and night for about two weeks, removing them only to eat, drink, brush, and floss.

How does Invisalign® effectively move teeth?

Like brackets and arch wires are to braces, Invisalign® aligners move teeth through the appropriate placement of controlled force on the teeth. The principal difference is that Invisalign® not only controls forces, but also controls the timing of the force application. At each stage, only certain teeth are allowed to move, and these movements are determined by the orthodontic treatment plan for that particular stage. This results in an efficient force delivery system.

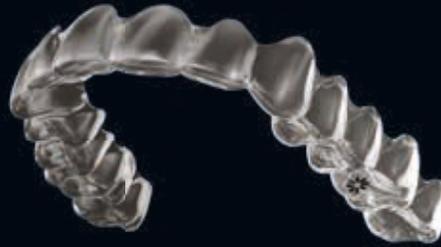
Will I need any teeth out?

Every patient is different and in many cases it is not necessary. However, in cases of severe over crowding extractions may be necessary.

Will there be any damage to my teeth?

No, there will be no damage. However, if your teeth are crooked there may need to be some IPR (Inter Proximal Reduction). This means tiny amounts of enamel may need to be filed down to create space for teeth to be straightened.

Never underestimate the beauty and value of a beautiful straight smile – it is never too late to achieve this.



**Over 4 million
people worldwide
have straightened
their teeth with
Invisalign®**

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Invisalign®

Straighten your teeth the invisible way

Invisalign® is the invisible way to straighten teeth using a series of custom-made, nearly undetectable aligners. It's been proven effective in both clinical research and in practices nationwide. So whether your teeth are crowded, too far apart or have shifted since previously wearing braces, you'll have a new reason to smile.

Invisalign® consists of a series of nearly invisible, removable braces or aligners that you change every two weeks for a new set. Each aligner is individually made to fit you perfectly ensuring maximum comfort.

Little by little, as you replace each aligner, your teeth move gently until they have straightened to the final position you agree is right for you.



How does Invisalign® work?

1. The treatment starts with a dental examination by our experienced Invisalign® dentist who will examine your teeth and develop a computer model of your treatment. Together you can review and agree on your treatment plan

2. Invisalign® will then make a series of custom made aligners that will only fit you. Each aligner is slightly different, moving your teeth gradually into the desired position. You wear each aligner for two weeks, before moving on to the next in the series.

3. Treatment length will vary depending on your case, but the average treatment time will be nine to fifteen months.

4. We will see you for a progress review every four to six weeks and you will then receive your new aligners. Each aligner will move your teeth little by little, week by week, until they reach the desired position.



Invisible braces to suit your lifestyle

Invisalign® aligners have no metal bands or wires. Invisalign® is clear and nearly invisible. Most people will never know you're straightening your teeth - unless you tell them. If you want an aesthetically pleasing approach to tooth straightening, Invisalign® is the answer.

Benefits of Invisalign®

- **Clear** – Invisalign® aligners are virtually invisible so hardly anyone will notice that you are straightening your teeth.
- **Removable** – Invisalign® aligners can be removed to eat, drink, brush and floss and for special occasions.
- **Comfortable** – Invisalign® is comfortable as there are no metal brackets or wires to irritate your gum or the inside of your mouth.
- **Effective** – Even before your Invisalign® treatment is finished, you'll begin enjoying the benefit of a better smile. Teeth alignment will start right from the beginning.
- **Customised** – Your Invisalign® dentist will take a scan of your teeth from which Invisalign® will produce your personal custom made aligners.

iTero Scanner

We have a state-of-the art laser intra-oral scanner that takes accurate impressions of your teeth and jaw. This means we can create high quality impressions without using traditional trays and plaster.

The iTero scanner uses laser and optical scanning to digitally capture the shape of your teeth and gums. It takes images from all sides of the teeth to create a full, 360 degree image. This high quality image guarantees a perfect fit for your aligners.

Find out if you are suitable for Invisalign® treatment by booking a FREE consultation with your dentist