

Guidelines



FREE

Orthodontic treatment to Tulalip tribal members who:

Won't move before completion

Attend regular appointments

Have good oral care & cavities filled

Have had a check-up within six months

Do not use tobacco products

Orthodontic treatment is a privilege that can cost **\$6,000 or more** in a private office.

Please contact us for more information and to schedule an appointment to see if you meet the eligibility requirements.

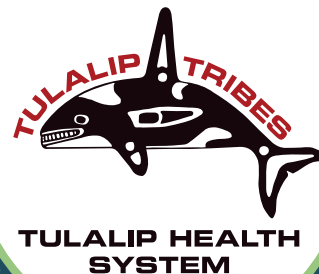
Conditions

Orthodontic appointments do not take the place of regular check-ups and cleanings. In fact, it is even more important that you see your general dentist regularly (at least every six months) while you are in braces. This is true whether you get your check-ups at the Tulalip Dental Clinic or in a private dental office.

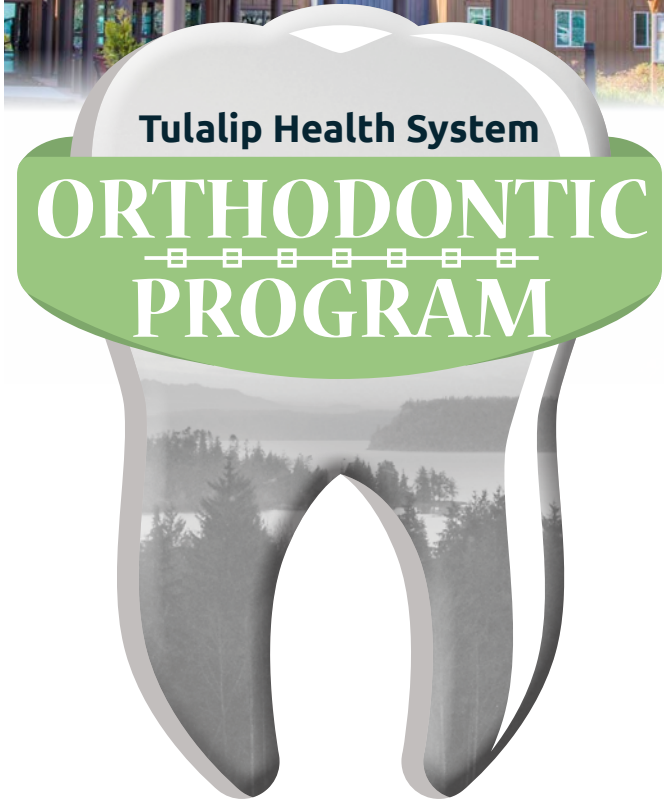
If you fail to show for a hygiene check or records appointment (no show or same-day cancellation), you will have to start over with the first hygiene check. After multiple failed appointments, the orthodontist may, at his/her discretion, require that you start the process over in six months.

Whenever possible, we will call you the day before to remind you of your appointment. However, you are responsible to keep your appointments whether or not you receive a reminder call.

Since providing free orthodontic care comes at a significant expense to the clinic, we cannot offer re-treatment. If your treatment is discontinued for any reason and you want to be re-treated later on, you will have to seek care from a private orthodontist.



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Orthodontic treatment for all Tulalip tribal members!

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Easy as 1,2,3

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First, your dentist will approve you to schedule an orthodontic exam. The orthodontist will discuss your treatment needs and when it should begin.

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If approved, you will then need to pass two oral hygiene checks with the orthodontic team. These checks will be scheduled about every three weeks and are important to ensure that you can keep your teeth clean enough to have braces. If your home care needs significant improvement, more than two checks may be necessary. After the second successful hygiene check, you can schedule a records appointment.

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At the records appointment, the orthodontic team will take photographs, dental impressions and (sometimes) additional X-rays. The orthodontist will study these records and develop your customized treatment plan. The treatment can usually start at the following appointment.

Pretreatment Appointment Checklist

- Referred by general dentist after exam with no cavities
- Orthodontic exam (parent/guardian must attend)
- Pass hygiene check #1
- Pass hygiene check #2
- Records
- Start treatment (parent/guardian must attend)

Information



When treatment starts we will:

- Show you how to brush and floss with your braces in place
- Check your home care at each appointment



Braces may be removed early if:

- Brushing and flossing is poor
- Failure to attend regular adjustments

We want to help you achieve a beautiful, healthy smile that will last a lifetime but we will not sacrifice the health of your teeth to make them straight. This takes a team effort.



Please note:

These measures are not meant as a punishment but rather are necessary to ensure that your orthodontic treatment will be successful and that your teeth stay healthy. Keep in mind that while you have braces you will need to see the orthodontist every four to six weeks.



Parents/guardians:

It is preferred that a parent or legal guardian accompany minor patients to ALL appointments. However, it is required that they be present for the initial exam and when treatment is started.