

Checklist for informed consent regarding risks, compromises, and limitations

- Hygiene-related problems
 - Caries and decalcification
- Root resorption — Generally
 - Specific morphology prone to resorption
 - Scout films necessary
- Periodontal complications
- Rebound or relapse vs. normal tooth movement
- TMJ / TMD / MPD (possibility of developing symptomatology during treatment)
- Endodontic involvement
 - History of trauma
 - Deep decay/restorations
 - Canine or first premolar roots perforating buccal plate
- Allergies
 - Acrylic appliances
 - Latex
 - Nickel
- Ceramic Brackets
 - Attrition
 - Opposing cusp fracture or wear
 - Debonding fracture
- Removable appliances
 - Loss and responsibility regarding replacement
- Headgear (possible ocular or facial injury)
- Oral surgery
 - Inability to close extraction spaces
 - Inability to close osteotomy sites
 - Potential consequences of going after impacted teeth
- Growth
 - Excessive
 - Unanticipated
 - Insufficient
- Ingestion / aspiration of appliances
- Patient cooperation
 - Lack of progress or attaining treatment goals
 - Early discontinuation of treatment
 - Extended treatment time
- Secondary restorative treatment needed
 - Permanent fixed retention
 - Prosthetics / restorative
- Retention
 - Long term, lifetime
 - Fixed
 - Removable
 - Notice as to when treatment is over
 - Prognosis long term
- Limited treatment
 - Correct specific objective only, not treating entire orthodontic problem
- Tooth size/arch length discrepancies
 - Need to leave spaces posttreatment
 - Need for restorative posttreatment
- Temporal factors relating to treatment
- Fees associated with treatment
 - What is included and what isn't
 - Additional fees
 - Amount and what for
- Anatomic limitations
 - Underlying skeletal component
 - Associated dental compensations
- Timing of treatment (delays in start of treatment compromising results)
- Systemic medical problems
 - Respiratory blockage or allergies
 - Metabolic disorders, etc.
 - Pharmaceuticals impacting care
- Continued deleterious habits and effect on stability
 - Tongue / digit / pacifier
 - Musical instruments / objects
 - Parafunctional
- Interproximal Reduction
- Laser therapy

