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## Getting Started With Your Treatment

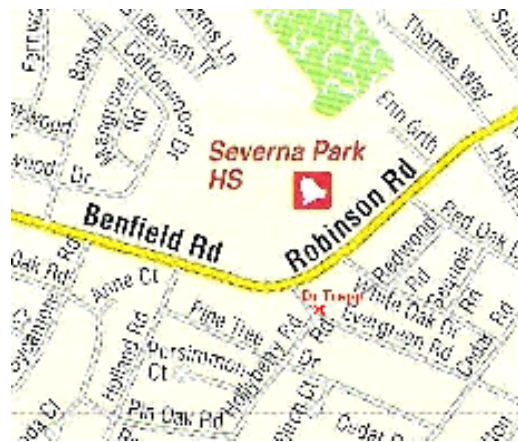
Just as no two people are exactly alike, no two treatment programs are exactly alike. Orthodontic care is not "one size fits all". We diagnose your needs, formulate solutions and alternatives based on the information gathered during your initial examination and a thorough review of your diagnostic tests or records. These tests are required to give you a diagnosis in Maryland. Your diagnostic tests may look like those below. There are usually radiographs of your teeth and head, impressions and digital images of your teeth. Impressions are needed to obtain accurate 3-D replicas of your teeth and jaw anatomy so that we can measure their relationships to one another. Digital images and radiographs will be used to determine where to move each of your teeth within your upper and lower jaws. As a courtesy to you, we'd be happy to schedule your diagnostic tests on the same day as your initial examination.



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## Dedicated To Providing Your Care

We understand the importance of choosing an orthodontic office that truly cares about you. That's why we go to great lengths to make sure that your experience with us is a pleasant one. Although we take our work seriously, we pride ourselves on doing it in a fun, upbeat way. Our team invests many hours each year in continuing education courses. We want you to enjoy coming to see us and to feel comfortable with your care. We are always available to answer your questions and to keep you updated on treatment progress.



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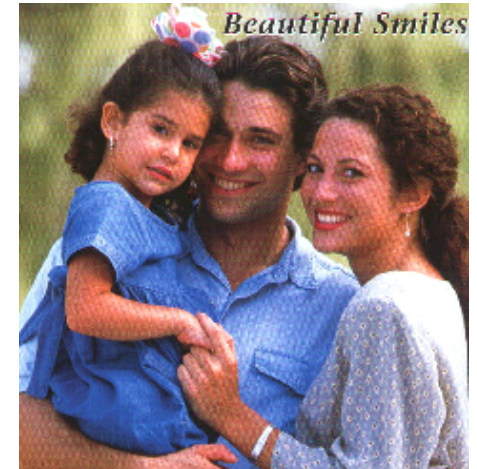
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## You Are Invited To Join Our Orthodontic Family



We love seeing new patients! Every patient is important. We're excited that you're considering giving us the opportunity to meet you and learn your orthodontic goals. You'll find our office has a warm, friendly atmosphere.

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## Your Appearance And Smile Are Our Specialty

We believe that orthodontics is about more than just straightening teeth. Orthodontics not only enhances your health and appearance, and gives you something to smile about, it also improves self-esteem and confidence which are important in many aspects of life. Because each smile is unique, we enjoy getting to know the person behind the smile. And we'll do our best to give you and your smile, that special treatment you deserve. We shape smiles into something beautiful!

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## Your First Visit

We understand that people have different needs and expectations about orthodontics. That's why we've set aside special time during your first visit to meet with you and to listen to your goals. We will ask you what you want to change about your smile. You will receive a thorough clinical examination. We will discuss whether now is the ideal time to begin treatment or if further growth and development are needed. You will receive a customized plan for addressing your concerns. We will also be happy to review the financial aspect of your care. Although fees will vary based on an individual's treatment desires, we offer a variety of payment options that make a beautiful smile affordable for anyone who really want one.

## The Beauty Of Orthodontics For Adults; Not Just for Kids!

Beautiful, healthy smiles are possible for almost anyone from age 7 to age 70. The biological process of tooth movement is the same in adults and children. In fact, it's the condition of your teeth, gums, and supporting bone that is the most important element in deciding whether or not to begin treatment. As the science of orthodontics has developed gentler wires, invisible appliances and brace-less [Invisalign](#), adults are now taking advantage of improving their own smile. If you are considering orthodontic care to enhance your appearance or to correct a poor bite that has contributed to dental problems, you're coming to the right place. We'd love to talk with you about the benefits of adult orthodontics.



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## Age 7, A Year To Remember

In the past, orthodontic treatment was often postponed until the adolescent years, when all the permanent teeth arrived. We now know that many orthodontic problems can be treated earlier by working with the growth that takes place in younger children. The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that every child have an orthodontic evaluation "no later than age 7". An early examination allows us to monitor a child's dental development to determine the ideal time to start. Early detection can reduce the need for removal of permanent teeth and often allow correction of jaw growth imbalances that would not be possible later. Most patients start treatment between the ages of 8 and 14 because they are eager to begin braces or [Invisalign teen](#) and are more enthusiastic and cooperative. In many cases, positive orthodontic results can be achieved which would not otherwise be possible if their face and jaws had finished growing.

