

Management of Impacted Teeth in Orthodontics

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Objectives: Treatment of Impacted Teeth in Orthodontic Practice is important, as existence of impacted tooth/teeth may hurdle orthodontic treatment sometimes and become a dilemma especially if complications exist.

The Purpose of This Research: How the practitioner can handle the impacted tooth/teeth case(s)?

Materials and Methods: The purpose of this presentation is to discuss the prognosis of impacted teeth and the available approaches of impacted teeth managements in orthodontics.

Orthodontist has two approaches to manipulate the impacted teeth, those are:

Open exposure or open orthodontic eruption.

1. Closed orthodontic eruption.

However, not all impacted teeth are available to be treated by forced orthodontic eruption, so other approaches may be chosen in treatment plan like:

1. Extraction of the impacted tooth with poor prognosis or in the sequence of orthodontic treatment plan (e.g. space deficit).
2. "Disregard" and observation for a few cases under restricted conditions.

The presentation showcases as examples of management possibilities, complications and discuss the matters from a clinical standpoint.

Results: The orthodontic eruption approach is successful in most of cases, if fulfilled properly.

Conclusion: It is recommended that right decision be taken regarding orthodontic forced eruption according to each case per se. Complications should be taken into account. Finally thorough treatment plan is a must in successful treatment results.