

A method of moving teeth

Abstract

Orthodontic devices used to correct the position of the teeth of a patient ('braces') work by generating a force on the teeth, causing the teeth to move. Typically the forces applied are such that undesirable and usually initial anterior teeth movement (proclination) occurs resulting in the need for re-correction during treatment. The invention involves a method of moving teeth using braces including the steps of fitting brackets to a patient's teeth; forming a wire into an archwire which is so sized and shaped as to initially create or close space by the forces it applies once the archwire has been fitted to the brackets to form a custom orthodontic device; and having either begun the process of space creation or space closure within the mouth of a patient, subsequently applying forces to align the teeth by moving them into the space created.

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