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Patient Name: _____

Date: _____

RETENTION OF DENTITIONS WITH MISSING TEETH

When an orthodontic patient is missing one or more teeth, this presents some risks for long term retention after the active stage of orthodontic treatment is complete.

In our opinion and experience, wearing a removable retainer is not adequate in these situations. The best chance for successful retention of teeth adjacent to spaces is to have some type of permanent or semi-permanent replacement tooth inserted. This restorative treatment should be performed by the patient's pediatric or general dentist as soon as possible after the braces are removed. There are some rare instances, due to biological or patient compliance factors, in which root relapse may occur even if a fixed prosthetic has been placed as a retainer.

We require that our patients agree to have some type of prosthetic replacement teeth inserted to provide the best chance of maintaining the position of both the roots and crowns of the teeth adjacent to the spaces. If the roots of teeth adjacent to the spaces move, it is likely that proper placement of implants or permanent bridges will be impossible without further orthodontic treatment.

The need for permanent or semi-permanent prosthetic replacement teeth immediately after completing orthodontic treatment has been explained to me. I understand that if there is relapse of the roots additional orthodontic treatment may be necessary in the future. I also understand that there will be a fee for this relapse orthodontic treatment.

Patient/Parent/Guardian

Date