



# HORNER ORTHODONTICS, PC

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Since 1984, over 10,000 of your neighbors, friends and family have come to our office for their orthodontic care.

Produced for our patients and dental colleagues

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## Did You Know?

By providing your child with the **proper treatment at the proper time**, we are able to **reduce their overall time in braces**, with the **most stable results**.

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- At **Horner Orthodontics**, we offer **AFFORDABLE Monthly Payment Plans** with **0% Interest**.
- Your appointments run **on-time**, and, ***your treatment is completed on-time!***
- Visit our website **[www.HornerOrthodontics.com](http://www.HornerOrthodontics.com)** and view **hundreds of our completed patients** (*Before and After Gallery*).



Are you due or past due for your recall visit to Horner Orthodontics? Please call **605.335.6680 TODAY** to schedule your No Cost recall examination. Remember that it is important for us to examine your child periodically to ensure that we provide your child with the **proper treatment at the proper time**.

# Is Early Treatment Worthwhile?



## 1. What Is Early Treatment?

Early treatment means putting braces, or removable devices of some form, on a child's teeth when he or she still has 10-12 baby teeth (typically age 7 or 8). Whenever this is done, a second round of braces is usually necessary when all the permanent teeth grow in. Even when the orthodontist explains this 2-phase process in advance, frequently, parents are surprised when they are told that a second phase of orthodontic treatment is necessary, typically around age 11 or 12.

## 2. How Does My Child Benefit From Early Treatment?

The simple answer is that any early orthodontic care will most likely achieve some benefit.

**The questions that you should be asking are:**

**"Will early treatment eliminate some portion of treatment later?"**

**"Will early treatment help to minimize or make my treatment easier later?"**

**"Will early treatment make later treatment more effective or more stable?"**

The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that a child's first orthodontic visit be no later than age 7. Frequently, no early intervention is necessary, except careful monitoring of your child's dental development. This will give you peace of mind when it is not clear whether an issue you see is really a problem or just a stage of development that doesn't require intervention.

There are many orthodontic practices that treat malocclusions early or in two phases of treatment. However, most malocclusions are effectively

resolved in one treatment phase, rather than two. The benefits of one treatment phase may include less time in braces, less time traveling to the orthodontists' office for visits, and less time away from school. **Drs. Horner and Barrow have found that only 10 percent of the children they see need early orthodontic treatment.**

The vast majority of our early patient visits result in observation only. These recall visits are at no cost to you.

Many patients benefit from an early visit to an orthodontist, even if they don't need braces. Just in the last year, some of our early examination patients were found to have **extra or missing teeth**, or **significant muscle habits** that were contributing to a developing malocclusion.

Early treatment plans may involve moving only a single tooth, or perhaps shaping an entire mouth. Many procedures are available that can significantly improve the success rate and outcome of later-phase orthodontic treatment.

## 3. Do I Need A Referral From My Family Dentist?

To seek treatment from an orthodontic specialist, you do not need to be referred by your general dentist. The fact of the matter is that the art and science of orthodontics involves years of specialized orthodontic training. An orthodontic specialist makes many of their decisions regarding appropriate care, based on expertise they have acquired after reviewing treatment on hundreds, if not thousands, of orthodontic patients.

While your dentist is busy caring for your family's dental health, let Drs. Horner and Barrow shape their beautiful smile.

If you're wondering, "Why hasn't that tooth come in?" or "Will that space close?", perhaps you should see us.

**"What do you mean my child needs braces...I thought her teeth were beautiful?"** Parents sometimes find out too late that orthodontic problems are present. Impactions and bite problems are issues that may not be obvious to you. Diagnostic tools, such as panoramic x-rays, allow your orthodontist to foresee potential problems now, before your child's teeth are visible. This also allows appropriate preventive measures to be implemented to correct the problem as quick and cost-effective as possible. **"But, don't you need to wait for all the teeth to come in?"** Early orthodontic evaluation, and properly-timed observation visits, may eliminate questions and surprises that can surface when children don't see an orthodontist until they are older. **Remember, the American Association of Orthodontists recommends that all children receive an orthodontic evaluation by age 7.**

**4. I'm So Confused. Whose Opinion Should I Trust?**  
**Start treatment now. Wait awhile. Expand. Take out teeth. Even the types of braces.** All of these are issues

that arise during an initial screening exam. After visiting several orthodontists, you may be confused about the best time to start, the duration of treatment, and even the types of appliances to be used. Dr. Horner has rendered first, second, and sometimes, third opinions for over 25+ years, with all types of treatment, braces and philosophies.

Drs. Horner and Barrow, and their staff of professionals treat every patient as if they were a member of their own family.

**Rest assured, we will make decisions leading to the proper treatment that are quick, simple, comfortable, and cost-effective.**

During an initial interview and consultation, we will spend as much time as necessary, evaluating, planning, and discussing your options based on our experience and your unique orthodontic needs.

Remember, there are many details that go into selecting an orthodontic office.

We are confident you will find our office to be your best choice for orthodontic care.

**For those patients that require a Two-Phase Orthodontic Treatment, the results are life-changing. The photos below show *before and after Phase I and Phase II orthodontic treatment* at Horner Orthodontics.**



**Before Treatment**



**After Phase I  
Early Treatment**



**After Phase II  
Full Treatment**



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## The Brace Without A Trace... *Quick and Comfortable*

**Horner Orthodontics now offers Limited Lingual orthodontic treatment using the MTM® No-Trace™ System (Minor Tooth Movement).**

Lingual orthodontic treatment is perfect for individuals that may have had orthodontic treatment previously, and have experienced relapse of the anterior teeth in either arch.

**MTM® No-Trace™** is an alternative to removable retainers and clear aligners.

*The photos (at right) show a female patient of ours who had relapse, and the improvement made in only 8 weeks!*

**MTM® No-Trace™ braces are comfortable, convenient, out-of-sight, and are just a fraction of the cost of traditional braces.** They are an ultra-thin, extremely small, behind-the-tooth orthodontic treatment option that corrects minor alignment issues in just 3 – 6 months.

**If you would like to find out if MTM® No-Trace™ braces are an option for your orthodontic treatment, call us at 605.335.6680 to schedule a No-Cost Examination.**

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