

Name of service / Department	ORTHODONTICS
Brief description of service/department	Orthodontics involves correctly aligning teeth, jaws and bites, i.e. bad bites, crooked teeth and poorly aligned jaws. This is commonly done by applying braces to the teeth.
Important information for Patient/ How to prepare for your visit to our department.	<p>An initial appointment involves seeing a Dental hygienist for a full oral examination. If oral hygiene is good, then orthodontic treatment will proceed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, you will be under review, to monitor your progress against maintaining optimal oral health and treatment will be on hold until you meet the departments treatment standards. • Before treatment starts, you will be told about ongoing procedures, the outcome of treatment and the commitment that is required by you e.g. attending all appointments, maintaining good oral hygiene. • After the braces are removed, you will need a retainer (mouthguard) to keep the teeth in place. • Treatment time can be as long as 2 years or more depending on the complexity of your treatment need and possibility of relapse.