

RETENTION PROTOCOL WITH A **MISSING FRONT TOOTH**

Treatment with missing front teeth involves aligning the bite to its best fit while creating an appropriate space for your dentist to restore. At this point there are a number of factors including orthodontic settling and patient age which determine the optimal age for a final restoration (replacement).

To hold the new tooth positions 2 appliances are used as the teeth settle, one is a retainer and one is a partial denture (flipper).

The retainer is a clear essix type retainer with teeth imbedded in it to hold the space and the remaining teeth during settling. The retainer is to be worn nights (10-12 hours of wear) and must be removed while eating. The partial denture is to be worn daytime and can be left in while eating.

The partial denture is a transitional appliance we provide to hold the space daytime until you can arrange with your dentist for a permanent solution. If you lose or break this appliance prior to final replacement for the missing teeth has been done, contact your dentist for a replacement.

We will maintain the clear retainer and make you a final clear retainer once permanent tooth replacement has occurred.