CLASS DESIGN

• Classes scheduled over a 2-year time frame.
• Program lasts 2 years because it normally takes 1.5 to 2 years to complete a comprehensive orthodontic case.
• Allows us to cover the full course of treatment planning, treating the case, taking the braces off, and making the retainers.
TREATMENT DIVIDED INTO CLEARLY DEFINED STAGES

• Stage I is to align the anterior teeth
• Stage II is to close any posterior space
• Stage III is to tip and torque roots into place
• We will cover these stages in much greater detail throughout the class
TEACHING SEQUENCE

• Ideal Sequence- We would teach all aspects of diagnosis and treatment planning first, then treatment.

• Because of time constraints, we teach:
  – Initial banding and bracketing of teeth (Stage I takes 6-9 months to complete, so we get the braces on and then have 6 months to thoroughly cover Stage I and diagnosis)
  – Stage I of treatment, including wire placement and initial mechanics
  – Diagnosis and Treatment Planning and Consultation
  – Stage II and Stage III of treatment
  – Finishing and Retention

• We will be teaching the “how to” mechanics of orthodontics before you fully understand the “why”.

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LECTURE TOPICS

• Diagnosis (Models, Ceph., photos)
• Technique of Tip-Edge
• Mixed dentition analysis and treatment
• Palatal expanders
• TMD as is relates to orthodontics
• How to successfully incorporate orthodontics into your practice
• Informed consent from your patients.
OTHER TOPICS COVERED IN LECTURES

• Cosmetic/orthodontic cases
• How to write up cases and present to patient
• Patient financing
• How to file dental insurance for orthodontics
• Training assistants
• Invisalign
• Air Rotor Stripping
• Surgical exposure of unerupted teeth
Your requirements as a participant in this class

- IN ORDER TO EARN AN ASSOCIATE FELLOWSHIP FROM THE ACADEMY:
  - Attend at least 10 of the 12 class sessions
  - Reading outside of class
  - Review assigned videos
  - Present 3 cases that you have at least started to the class. Cases can be the from the class or from your practice
  - Pass a mid-term and final examination
BRING CASES FROM YOUR PRACTICE

• While taking this course, you are encouraged to bring cases from your own practice.
• The sooner you start treating cases in your office, the sooner you will begin recouping the costs of equipment, supplies, and education.
• You can start by just bringing basic trimmed models (no one will grade you on appearance). We will look at each case with you and see if it is a good case for you to start.
• If it is a good case, you can then do an orthodontic workup with our assistance. You must have a cephalometric x-ray for a complete diagnosis.
• At future sessions you can bring follow-up photos or models and we will help you throughout case.
• Easiest cases to start are Class I molar and skeletal, after all primary teeth have been lost. Can be extraction or non-extraction.
• Will also be able to do Class II and III cases, but harder.