

THE IMPORTANCE OF ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH CLEFT PALATE

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Cleft lip and palate can involve the palate, upper lip and alveolar ridge, causing cosmetic damage, psychosocial and functional in different magnitudes, depending on the extent of the crack or the absence of appropriate treatment. The cleft palate in patients who underwent complete Palatoplasty at an early age, often presents atretic associated with a posterior crossbite and therefore it is necessary, in most cases, hold expansion jaw in order to correct the altered form of the upper arch. It is also quite common patient with cleft lip and palate present Class III malocclusion lack of development of sagittal jaw resulting from scarring produced by the lip lip repair. The interceptive orthodontics in these cases is likely to achieve better results and should continue until there is full development and the establishment of a good jaw relationship. This present study aims to show the importance of orthodontic treatment in patients with cleft lip and palate, illustrating the perspective of the clinical case of a patient who was followed from birth to adulthood.