

Orthodontist Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide treatment for various forms of malocclusion and teeth irregularity
- Perform diagnostic tests using x-rays and plaster molds to locate the position of a dental problem
- Fit braces, brackets, and other teeth appliances in patients' mouth to correct teeth positioning
- Schedule routine check-ups to track treatment progress and adjust dental appliances as required
- Proffer recommendations to patients on proper dental care and hygiene necessary
- Work with orthodontist assistant to ensure patients receive adequate teeth care
- Perform dentofacial orthopedics to improve the general appearance of patients
- Determine if applied braces are due to be removed
- Assist patients in resolving dental or oral problems such as speech impairments and gum disease
- Develop treatment plans to address individual patient problem
- Design and model teeth appliances such as retainers, lingual arch wires, and brackets
- Liaise with other orthodontists and health care professionals to coordinate orthodontic services for patients
- Study patients' dental records and medical history to determine type and severity of teeth condition
- Provide patients with cost estimates and details of a treatment plan
- Inspect dental equipment and appliances to ensure they function normally.

Orthodontist Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education and Training: To become an orthodontist, you require a Bachelor's degree in a science discipline such as biology or chemistry. This serves as prerequisite for entry into dental school to obtain a doctorate degree in dental surgery or dental medicine. Orthodontists are required to pass the National Board Dental Examinations in order to receive state licensure for practice
- Manual Dexterity: Orthodontists are able to use various dental implements to realign teeth arrangement
- Attention to Detail: They are able to monitor the recovery of patients to determine the need for change in treatment plan
- Critical Thinking Skill: They use results of diagnosis to develop appropriate treatment plan for patients.