# MODERN ORTHODONTICS

YOUR GUIDE TO ADULT ORTHODONTICS

# What are your orthodontic options as an adult?

It really wasn't all that long ago when your orthocoptions were limited to traditional, chunky, metal braces. Thankfully, times have changed. Depending on your particular orthodontic and visual concerns, you can now select from a range of paths on your journey to a beautiful and healthy smile.

In this new era of orthodontics, many adults are now taking the opportunity to straighten their smile. And with good reason, braces are now widely accepted, lighter, and more discreet than ever before.

In addition to this, innovative aligner systems like Invisalign provide a removable, virtually invisible and almost completely pain-free solution to correct



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# REASONS FOR ADULTS TO CONSIDER STRAIGHTENING THEIR SMILE

### A healthy smile is the cornerstone of positive health

A beautiful smile exudes happiness, confidence and is big contributor to success in every imaginable way. But aside from the aesthetic benefits, a healthy smile is the cornerstone of positive health and wellbeing.

A misaligned smile comes with a range of adverse health risks. Our mouths play an extremely yet often overlooked role in ensuring healthy digestion. For anyone suffering with a misaligned bite, healthy digestion, and subsequently overall health and wellbeing are often compromised.

The formula is simple: A healthy smile equals a healthy you. Correctly aligning your smile is one of the surest ways to ensure your health remains in tip-top condition.

#### Improving personal self-esteem and confidence

In accordance with medical marketing guidelines, it cannot be guaranteed that confidence and self-esteem will be improved following orthodontic treatment. Having said this, a growing body of scientific study now highlights the strong correlation between the two.

In a recent study comparing personality traits of 100 patients before and after orthodontic treatment, a significant improvement in personality traits (openness, agreeableness, conscientiousness) was recorded.

(Comparison of personality traits, attitude toward orthodontic treatment, and pain perception and experience before and after orthodontic treatment Elham S. Abu Alhaijaa; Mona A. Abu Nabaab; Emad F. Al Maaitahc; Mahmoud K. Al-Omairid – http://www.angle.org/doi/pdf/10.2319/121813-927.1)

### You can now straighten your smile virtually invisibly

For many adult patients, traditional metal braces just aren't an option. It's a bit superficial, but it is a reality. Certain work and social environments just don't cater to traditional metal braces.

The great news is modern orthodontic options allow adults to straighten their smile almost completely invisibly.



# WHAT ARE YOUR ORTHODONTIC OPTIONS?

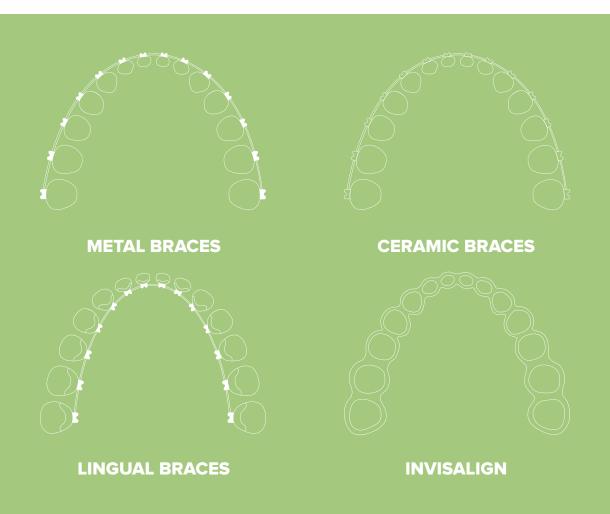
In the past few years, the number of adult orthodontic cases has dramatically increased. This can be largely attributed to improved technologies and a growing selection of discreet options.

Alas, with such a wide range of choice, it's often hard for adults to decide on a particular treatment. As no two smiles are exactly the same, no two treatment plans will be exactly the same, and for this reason, it's often hard to provide an exact price, treatment recommendation or treatment time.

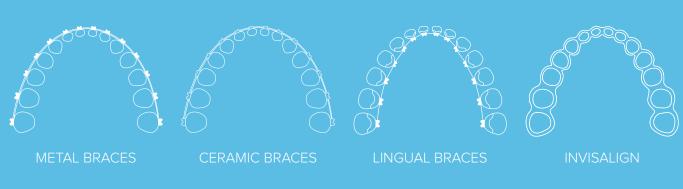
A consultation with an orthodontist will provide you with an answer to these questions.

For any adults in the early stages of considering an orthodontic treatment, we've broken down the popular options to give you a rough idea of which treatment might suit your budget, orthodontic concerns, and desired outcome.

Again, this guide is only intended to give you a rough idea. Prices, treatment times, and all other considerations will depend largely on your particular orthodontic concerns.







**5 STAR:** EXCELLENT

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**4 STAR:** GOOD

3 STAR: FAIR

2 STAR: POOR

1 STAR: BAD

treatments. They can generally address the full range of

In terms of effectiveness and treatable cases, there is really no difference between clear ceramic and traditional metal braces.

Lingual braces, also known as They are practically invisible

Without going into too much detail, Invisalign may not be suitable for certain types of tooth movement, however this can be overcome by combining with partial traditional or lingual braces. In certain situations, Invisalign can actually be the ideal option for your smile.









Note: It's really difficult to give an exact price for treatment without a proper consultation. The rating below is intended to be a guideline only









are far less chunky and obvious

Clear ceramic braces are less visible on the front of their teeth, though the clear colour make them more discreet than traditional metal braces. Now, we are able to camouflage them even more by using "white" archwires.

invisible from view. Many entire treatment without a Having no metal brackets or wires, the invisalign system is virtually invisible. In addition to this, while it is recommended the aligners remain on your teeth for the majority of time, they are removable for eating, cleaning and special occasions.









kids' and adults have gone through the process so it can't Very similar to traditional metal

Being on the back of the teeth











Very similar to traditional metal braces, but made of a clear ceramic material. Simply Orthodontics use ceramic braces that do not stain, while remaining far less visible than traditional braces.

one key difference – they are fitted to the back of the teeth.

Invisalign invisible aligners are a series of clear aligners that gradually straighten your teeth over a prescribed amount of time. Invisalign is also completely removable, unlike the other three orthodontic systems.

# A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH ORTHODONTIC OPTION

# Metal Braces

Metal braces are the most commonly used orthodontic treatment, able to address the overall function of your smile. While conventional braces are the most visible of braces treatments, they have certainly come a long way over the years, and are now lighter and more efficient than ever before.

#### **Ceramic Braces**

For anyone seeking a more discreet braces option, ceramic or cosmetic tooth-coloured braces are a great option. Ceramic braces can address the same functional concerns as traditional braces. While they are not invisible, attached to the front of the teeth, they are more discreet than traditional metal braces.

## **Lingual Braces**

The science behind traditional metal braces is nothing short of amazing. They can address almost the same concerns as traditional or ceramic braces, but they are attached to the back of your teeth. Many people undergo lingual braces without anyone ever noticing.

### Invisalign

Invisalign treatment uses a series of custom-made removable aligners with unique SmartForce technology that gradually moves your teeth to the ideal position. It's a virtually invisible, innovative approach to straightening your smile.





# **OUR TECHNOLOGY**

### **Self-ligating technology**

At Modern Orthodontics, our metal, clear and lingual braces treatments all use self-ligating technology. Self-Ligating braces eliminate the need for elastic or metal ties, and instead use a permanently installed moveable component to entrap the wire.

Self-ligating braces present a range of benefits over traditional braces systems, benefits from appearance, feel and function, to maintenance and treatment time.

If you'd like to learn more about our self-ligating braces technology, please don't hesitate to contact our practice.

#### **Acceledent® Melbourne**

In addition to the range of orthodontic options we offer at Modern Orthodontics, we are proud to provide our patients access to the revolutionary Acceledent® treatment.

#### What is Acceledent®?

Acceledent® is a clinically proven, state-of-the-art technology, used to reduce orthodontic treatment time.

#### How does Acceledent® work?

Through the use of gentle micropulses, called SoftPulse Technology®, bone remodelling is accelerated, allowing teeth to move up to 50% faster. This is an innovative treatment which we are proud to offer our patients at Modern Orthodontics.

It is used for 20 minutes daily at home during your treatment.

#### Why do patients choose Acceledent®?

Many of our patients would like to straighten their teeth; however, they do not want to experience a lengthy treatment time. Acceledent® can be a great solution for these patients. Acceledent® has been known to cut a patient's treatment time in half. Some patients then only need braces for as little as six to eight months.

For interested patients, we can discuss combining Acceledent® with your orthodontic treatment during your consultation.





The team at Modern Orthodontics are excited to offer the full range of orthodontic treatments to patients living in Melbourne from our two convenient Burwood and Northcote locations.

# WE PROVIDE A COMPLETELY FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR CONSULTATION** 

During your initial consultation, our orthodontists will assess your teeth to determine which treatment would best suit your particular orthodontic concerns. During consultation we can also provide you with expected costs and treatment times.

If you'd like to make an appointment or book a free consultation, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

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