



IMPACTED CANINES



Detecting Impacted Eyeteeth

As with many dental procedures, early recognition of impacted eyeteeth can greatly affect the success of treatment. As teeth are presenting in younger patients, recognizing issues related to spacing and crowding in the mouth is the first step in detecting impacted eyeteeth.

The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that a dental examination, accompanied by an x-ray of the area, be performed on all patients at around the age of seven years to determine if there may be potential problems with eruption of adult teeth.

Treating Impacted Eyeteeth

Treatment can involve an orthodontist placing braces over the affected area to create space for new teeth to grow. A general dentist or orthodontist may also refer the patient to an oral surgeon for the extraction of baby teeth in order to allow adult teeth to grow in properly.

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Call us at 615-893-7736 for an appointment.

What are Canines?

After wisdom teeth, the maxillary cuspid or upper eyetooth is the second most common tooth to become impacted, being the first teeth that touch as the jaw closes. Eyeteeth play an essential role in the "bite" and if impacted can quickly cause discomfort in biting and chewing. Additionally, the quality of the alignment of a patient's natural chewing motion can be disrupted if there are any irregularities with the important eyeteeth.

