

How to Manage Border Line Cases in Orthodontics

Aim of orthodontic treatment is to maintain the integrity of the stomatognathic system. Normal occlusion is an important part in this system. From the statistical point of view the term “normal” implies a certain variation with high and low limits, while “ideal” means perfect and unique thus it is a hypothetical goal.

The deviation from this normality is abnormal which represented by malocclusion. Most interesting point in the treatment of malocclusion that it has no specific dogmatic line of treatment but in fact it has what is called treatment modalities.

Border line cases may be due to dentoalveolar or skeletal origin.

Dentoalveolar border line cases can be treated through extraction or non-extraction procedures, hence it depends on the case per se. Special analysis may be needed to make accurate decision when to expand or extract? For example Ashley Howes analysis.

Skeletal border line cases can be treated through orthodontic camouflage or by the aid of orthognathic approach.