

Dr. Little's Dental News

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CORRECTING YOUR BITE

Malocclusion, or "bad bite," is the technical term for crooked, crowded, or protruding teeth that don't fit together properly. Most malocclusions are inherited, including crowding of teeth, too much space between teeth, extra or missing teeth, cleft palate, and other irregularities of the jaws and face. Some malocclusions are acquired. They can be caused by thumb-sucking, tongue thrusting, dental disease, premature loss of primary or permanent teeth, accidents, or medical problems. Left untreated, these problems can become worse. A bad bite can cause abnormal wear of tooth surfaces, chewing difficulty, and excess stress on supporting bone and gum tissue. The dentist may be able to treat mild

to moderate cases of malocclusion with reshaping, bonding, or capping of teeth.

At our office, our purpose in presenting this column is to exhibit the virtues of professional care in achieving and maintaining a healthy, vibrant smile. Through a combination of proven techniques and innovative technology, we attempt to move our patients toward an optimum state of oral health. When was your last dental checkup? Now is a good time to call us to schedule an appointment for comprehensive dental care.

P.S. Crooked and crowded teeth are difficult to clean, which may lead to tooth decay and gum disease.

Dr. Little provides quality family and cosmetic dentistry.

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