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## **Anterior Sectional Archwires**

Today we placed “temporary” braces in the front part of your child's mouth. The upper front teeth of your child are spaced, rotated, and/or flared, and we are in the process of aligning the incisors and closing the spaces between the teeth.

It is very common for difficulties to arise during this phase of treatment. Because there presently is a space between the teeth and we are trying to close the space, the teeth will gradually move together. Since the arch wire that we placed today is of a fixed size, it is unavoidable that the ends of the arch wire will begin to protrude from the sides of the teeth. In some instances, the movement of teeth is very rapid and may even occur within a few days.

If your child experiences any discomfort with the ends of the wires sticking in the lip or cheek, please call the office immediately. We would be happy to schedule an appointment where our clinical staff can handle this unavoidable problem easily in a few minutes. You can provide temporary relief for your child by carefully clipping the end of the wire close to the braces with a nail clipper. When doing so, shield the eye area so that your child will not be hit with the cut end of the wire.

Before you leave the office today, make sure that your child has an adequate supply of wax to carry him or her through the transition period. At each appointment, the arch wire will be adjusted. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

