



## **Important Announcement for All Patients**

Dear patients and families:

On Sept. 30, 2024, I will be closing Michigan Orthodontic Specialist in Grand Blanc.

I will be here to help you all transfer your treatment or remove your braces until the closing date. Each of your stages of treatment and potential outcomes are unique, and I will be meeting with each of you to help you make the best decision for your continuing care.

I have enjoyed working, and more importantly, being with many of you while improving your smiles. I have treated 100's of people, who used their new smiles to laugh, eat, and make new friends with confidence. It has been a privilege to provide this service to you all and I will continue my duty to you as much as I can.

Life and business are intertwined intimately. I met my wife, Miriam, on the first day of dental school. She is now the Chief Dental Officer of a large health care non-profit organization in Oakland, CA. My business here has been profitable for many people, creating new careers and providing for many families. I am most proud of that fact! My goal was (and is) to transfer this business, in order to continue the good work. But unfortunately, I have not been able to find a new business partner.

But! There are many orthodontists in the Grand Blanc/Flint area. People in braces move and need to continue care every day. Our situation is similar, and fortunately, we are here to help.

### **Options Until the Closing Date**

Patients may have their braces removed by us or attempt to continue treatment with a local orthodontist. A retainer may be necessary depending on what treatment you received.

After the closing date (or if transferring) patients may obtain their records for transfer electronically. Email the office at [bestsmile@dradamsortho.com](mailto:bestsmile@dradamsortho.com) let us know where you want the records sent. This will include all photos, scans and x-rays, and the AAO transfer form stating the status of your treatment.

The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) has some good information for transferring patients. Please read the "Advice for the Transferring Orthodontic Patient" below. They also have an "Introduction of Transferring Patient" form and "Request for Release of Records" form which will be useful if you decide to transfer.

Financial considerations: And of course, everyone has a different status of their account. Your account will be adjusted using the formula given to you at the beginning of treatment. Depending on what you

have paid or not paid, what your insurance has paid or not paid, and how long you were in treatment will determine your balance.

I want to thank you all for your trust, and especially cooperation with treatment and payments. Our low down-payment start plan has helped many patients who could not afford a large down payment for braces get care and also have brothers and sisters and parents get treatment at the same time. I am glad for the 25 years of being a part of the Flint community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Clement V. Adams II

Michigan Orthodontic Specialists

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### **ADVICE FOR THE TRANSFERRING ORTHODONTIC PATIENT**

An orthodontist is a dental specialist that has received an additional two to three years of specialized training beyond dental school. Your orthodontist has given you this form because you will be transferring your orthodontic care to a new orthodontist. The American Association of Orthodontists has several suggestions to make your orthodontic transfer easier for you. Please be aware that you may be charged a records duplication fee because of this transfer.

1. **Your current orthodontist may have given you the name of one or more orthodontists in your new area.** Your orthodontist may have even contacted the orthodontist(s) to see if they will accept transfer patients. However, this does not constitute a recommendation by your orthodontist, and you are under no obligation to continue treatment with a specific orthodontist. You are welcome to visit one or more orthodontists in your new area before deciding who will continue your treatment.
2. **Because there are many accepted techniques and philosophies, your new orthodontist may change your treatment plan or appliances.** Variation in how your teeth and jaws are responding to your orthodontic treatment may require a change in your treatment plan.
3. **Orthodontic treatment fees vary widely throughout the country and the world.** It is reasonable to expect that a transfer may increase treatment fees and may involve changes in payment policies. For most people who transfer during their orthodontic treatment, the total treatment cost is likely to increase.
4. **When you transfer to a new orthodontist, your treatment time is often extended by the process of transfer.** It is reasonable to expect that your treatment time will vary from the original prediction.
5. **When you have identified your new orthodontist, you should contact your former orthodontist to request that your records be transferred.** Your new orthodontist will then contact your former orthodontist for any additional information needed.

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