

How to treat patients with lower jaw deficiency

Person with “over bite” (Anterior-Posterior discrepancy) or buck teeth can be treated differently according to the problems.

The following are different circumstances of “over bite” because of lower jaw deficiency

1. if the person has growth potential (Male- 12 years under/ Female- 13 years under), the best way is to advance the lower jaw and growth may accommodate the discrepancy between upper and lower jaw. Usually, functional appliances such as Bionator, Herbst, Activator, Frankel will serve this purpose.
2. If the person has no growth potential, it depends upon the severity of “over bite”
 - a. For severe cases, lower jaw advancement surgery is needed with braces.
 - b. For moderate cases, there is a possibility to remove some permanent teeth to correct the discrepancy between upper and lower jaws.