



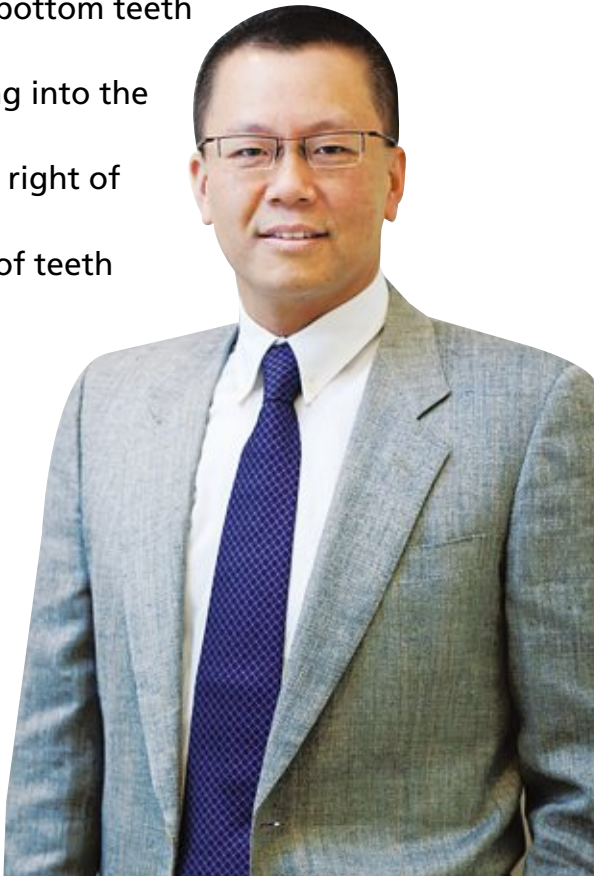
Tooth Talk

“Hey Doc, why do my kids need braces now? Are they too young for braces? (Part 1)”

Even though many children do not need Orthodontic treatment until all the permanent teeth have come in, some Orthodontic problems are better corrected at an earlier age. Sometimes, waiting for all the permanent teeth to come in or until facial growth is almost complete can make correction of some problems more difficult.

The following is a list of warning signs that early Orthodontic intervention may be beneficial:

- top front teeth “sticking out”
- top front teeth biting “behind” bottom front teeth
- top front teeth almost completely covering over bottom front teeth
- upper and lower front teeth do not meet at all when biting down
- crowded, overlapped, misplaced teeth, or extra teeth
- center of the top and bottom teeth do not line up
- lower front teeth biting into the roof of the upper jaw
- lower jaw shifts to the right of left upon biting down
- grinding or clenching of teeth
- uneven teeth wear.



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