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Dear Dr. Hank,

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I saw your patient Laura Sanders on consultation today for Invisalign orthodontics. What a nice person! Laura's chief concern is "the fangs that stick out up top". We discussed her various options concerning her crowded teeth:

1. Veneers on #6 & 10, per her initial discussion with you. You discouraged her from this option and I agree, as the teeth are already too prominent. She would require 8-10 veneers to address the buccally displaced canines and still end up with too full of a smile.
2. Orthodontics to correct her Class II malocclusion and resolve her anterior crowding. I reviewed this optimal treatment option with her so that she would understand that much of her "grinding" is probably the result of her bite. With Invisalign and adjuncts, the distalization of her arches would take 18-24 months.
3. Orthodontics to aesthetically address her anterior crowding. This option would involve leaving her posterior occlusion as it is and simply aligning the front teeth on top and bottom. Invisalign can do this easily and it would take about 10 months total time. I reviewed fees with her as well as the risks, benefits and expected results of each option. She seemed inclined to go with option 3.

If she proceeds, I will forward you a copy of her initial records, including the FMX you provided after I scan it in. I will give you a midtreatment progress report as well as a completion letter and final records. Laura will continue to see you for hygiene visits during the Invisalign treatment at her normal interval. (Numerous studies actually now confirm an improvement in oral hygiene during Invisalign treatment.)

Presently Laura reports that she requires two restorations with you. All restorative treatment should be completed prior to my initial records visit for Invisalign. Laura may also require a gingivectomy on #7 and 10 to place the tissue at ideal height. This can be accomplished with an electrosurgery unit or laser. It may not be necessary once the upper teeth are in their final position.

Finally, I informed Laura that she will need a night guard after her treatment. I can make one that acts as a retainer and charge her the difference between the included retainer fee and a night guard.

Sarah, thank you for your confidence. If Laura chooses to go forward with treatment I will keep you posted but you are welcome to call me anytime at my office.

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