

Date

Dr. name

Street

City

Re: (pt name)

Dear (Dr.name),

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

1. Veneers on #6 & 10, per her/his initial discussion with you.

You discouraged her/him from this option and I agree, as the teeth are already too prominent. She/he 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/his Class II malocclusion and resolve her/his anterior crowding.

I reviewed this optimal treatment option with her/him so that she/he would understand that much of her/his "grinding" is probably the result of her/his bite. With Invisalign and adjuncts, the distalization of her/his arches would take 18-24 months.

3. Orthodontics to esthetically address her/his anterior crowding.

This option would involve leaving her/his 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 15 months total time.

I reviewed fees with her/him as well as the risks, benefits and expected results of each option. She/he seemed inclined to go with option 3.

If she/he proceeds, I will forward you a copy of her/his 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. (Pt.name) will continue to see you for hygiene visits during the Invisalign treatment at her/his normal interval. (Numerous studies actually now confirm an improvement in oral hygiene during Invisalign treatment.)

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Presently (Pt.name) reports that she/he requires two restorations with you. All restorative treatment should be completed prior to my initial records visit for Invisalign. (Pt.name) 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 (pt. name) that she/he will need a night guard after her/his treatment. I can make one that acts as a retainer and charge her/him the difference between the included retainer fee and a night guard.

(Dr. name), thank you for your confidence. If (pt.name) 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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