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Bringing Clear Aligners into Your Practice

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PROGRAM

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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this video presentation, viewers should be able to:

1. List reasons why orthodontics is important for all categories of dentists.
2. Discuss the appeal of clear aligners for patients.
3. Discuss the appeal of clear aligners for practitioners.
4. Discuss the revenue potential of aligner use in your practice.
5. Discuss staff involvement with aligner treatment.
6. Discuss your potential involvement with orthodontists in your area.
7. List the main events in the history of clear aligners.
8. Discuss the current state of clear aligners in dentistry.
9. Discuss potential challenges with aligners.
10. Discuss patient education for clear aligners.
11. Discuss how to determine what level of treatment you want with aligners.
12. Discuss the potential digital workflow for aligners.
13. List the most important statements in orthodontic terminology.
14. Discuss the possible tooth movements for clear aligners.
15. Enumerate the limitations of clear aligners.
16. State treatment recommendations for practitioners new to aligners.
17. State treatment recommendations for practitioners experienced with aligners.
18. Discuss what to do when things go wrong.
19. Discuss how to incorporate aligners into your practice.
20. List some areas where clear aligners can be an important addition to your practice.

OVERVIEW

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Orthodontics was one of the first specialties in dentistry, along with oral surgery. As a result, these two topics were inadvertently separated from most other parts of dentistry. Oral surgery was soon integrated into general practice, but orthodontics has been slow to integrate. It is extremely important for all categories of dentists to have some orthodontic knowledge. Aligners are now increasing that integration.

The following and other topics are included in this presentation:

- Reasons why orthodontics is important for all categories of dentists
- The appeal of clear aligners for patients
- The appeal of clear aligners for practitioners
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SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

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POST-TEST

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1. A NO to orthodontics is often a YES to:
 - a. Endodontic treatment
 - b. Extractions
 - c. Crown and bridge
 - d. Possibly all of the above

2. All of the following are advantages of clear aligners EXCEPT:
 - a. Orthodontic appliances are hidden.
 - b. Enhanced ability to perform oral hygiene.
 - c. Tooth movement depends on wearing aligners.
 - d. May use the aligners as whitening trays.

3. Which aligner system has the greatest start-up cost?
 - a. Direct-to-Consumer
 - b. Minor Tooth Movement
 - c. In-office fabrication
 - d. Comprehensive aligner

4. The concept of moving teeth with clear aligners is relatively new.
 - a. True
 - b. False

5. The clear aligner market is growing rapidly.
 - a. True
 - b. False

6. Case simulations more accurately reflect the alignment process when merged with CBCT imaging.
 - a. True
 - b. False

7. Choosing interproximal reduction is a preferable way to create space versus expansion for the adult dentition.
 - a. True
 - b. False

POST-TEST (CONT'D)

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- 8. When choosing a comprehensive aligner system, what factors are important?
 - a. Ease of use
 - b. Variety of treatment options
 - c. Clinical and marketing support from the manufacturer
 - d. Continuing education opportunities at no additional charge
 - e. All the above

- 9. All orthodontic cases can be treated with clear aligners.
 - a. True
 - b. False

- 10. If desired, clear aligner therapy can be accomplished with an entirely digital workflow.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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