

Aligners

A clear choice.

The world of orthodontics is constantly changing, but one thing remains the same: your patient desires maximum results with minimal discomfort. We can help you with that. NorthStar's invisible aligners are made of Zendura® material to provide superior performance and stunning clarity. Let our skilled technicians work with you to provide your patient the aesthetically pleasing treatment they desire.

What are invisible aligners?

NorthStar's invisible aligners are crystal clear, thin, removable appliances that produce small, incremental changes in tooth positioning. They look good, feel good, and under the right conditions produce excellent results!

Which patients are candidates for aligner treatment?

Aligners are not capable of transforming all dental situations into beautiful smiles. The key to success with aligners is to honest and open communication with your patient so they anticipate realistic results. NorthStar's aligners will not replace a thorough, comprehensive treatment plan, and should be viewed as alignment enhancement rather than total correction.



Cases that achieve the most success with aligner treatment are:

- Patients with individual tooth movement requirements of no more than:

Right, Left	2mm
Forward, Backward	2mm
Angulation	20 degrees
Rotation	40 degrees

- Patients with a sufficient arch width; for example, those seeking to address prior treatment relapse or those with minimal anterior crowding or spacing.
- Patients whose cuspids require little or no alignment.
- Patients who fully understand interproximal reduction (stripping) and agree to its use if crowding is present.

Are results guaranteed?

Success rates with aligners depend upon original case selection, the amount of stripping allowed, patient compliance, and proper case management. NorthStar only guarantees our fabrication techniques and the materials used.

What if I'm uncertain about using aligners on a particular case?

If you request an evaluation, NorthStar will scan your models and virtually make corrections to determine how many trays are required to achieve your desired result. Once completed, we will send you a full report containing a before and after image, as well as the number of movements required. This evaluation is created in a format that you can share with your patient when making treatment decisions. If you choose to proceed with treatment and appliances are ordered, the evaluation fee is removed. If the case is not appropriate for use, or the patient is not ready for treatment, you pay only for our time in preparing the setup.

How long should the appliance be worn?

Your patient must commit to full-time wear of the appliance. Only careful observation in your office can determine exactly when it is time to begin the next tray, but generally this time is approximately 3-4 weeks. Ask your patient to clean the completed tray and place it in a plastic bag labeled with the dates of wear. This tray could be valuable in the event that the current tray is lost, or you need to 'back up' at a future date due to non-compliance.

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