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Oral Health
During
Orthodontic
Treatment

Keep your teeth and gums healthy so your new smile will look its best when you're ready to show it off!



Did you know ...

Patients undergoing orthodontic treatment have a higher risk of developing white spots, cavities, gingivitis and having bad breath.

Here's why.

When you wear braces or clear aligners, it's easy for food to get trapped on your teeth. And when food is left on your teeth, it helps create plaque bacteria and acid—which can lead to unpleasant conditions you do not want.

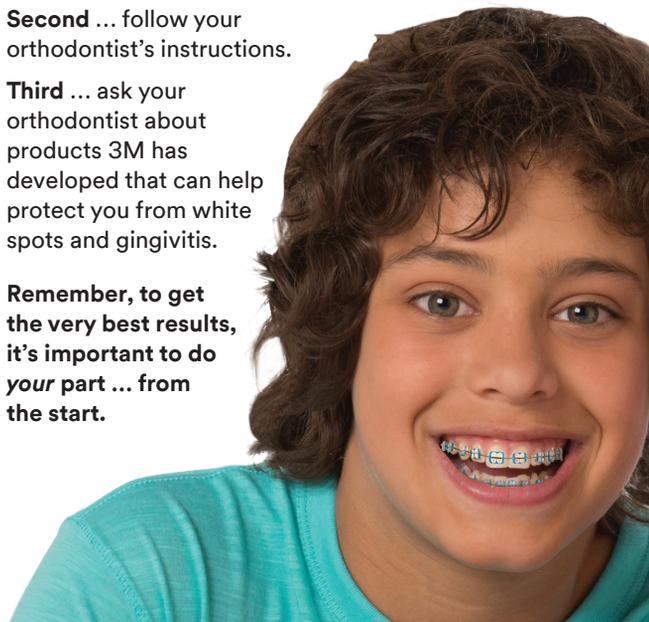
There are three things you can do to help make sure your smile looks and feels great.

First ... brush thoroughly after each meal and floss at least once a day.

Second ... follow your orthodontist's instructions.

Third ... ask your orthodontist about products 3M has developed that can help protect you from white spots and gingivitis.

Remember, to get the very best results, it's important to do your part ... from the start.



Take extra care to avoid these problems.



White spots

Acidic foods, like soda, orange juice and coffee, pull minerals out of your teeth, leaving white spots—which can turn into cavities. To help protect your smile, ask your orthodontist about treatments that can be applied in the office or special toothpastes you can use at home.



Gingivitis

Orthodontic appliances make it challenging to clean around your gum line—which can lead to gingivitis. Symptoms are redness, swelling, tenderness and even bleeding. Left untreated, it can lengthen the time you spend in braces. Ask about special oral rinses available to help protect against, or treat, gingivitis.