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FUNCTIONAL APPLIANCE

The purpose of the functional appliance is to harness growth potential of the patient's lower jaw (mandible) for maximum orthodontic benefit.

Please Note:

1. The appliance must be worn at all times, except eating, cleaning teeth, and playing sport or swimming.
2. Patients may initially experience some tiredness in the joint area around the ear and muscles of associated regions.
3. The appliance is not worn while eating; however it should be cleaned using toothbrush and toothpaste to remove saliva residue and odours.
4. When playing sport or swimming this appliance should be kept safe in the case provided to avoid breakage or loss. If broken or lost, replacement costs will apply.
5. Usually speech will be affected for up to a week or so only. Continual wear for the first few days will reduce this speech disability markedly.
6. The first night or two the appliance may not stay in the mouth while asleep. Continual wearing of the appliance will normally solve this.

If you have any concerns regarding the wearing of this appliance, please contact the surgery.

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