

Maxillary midline diastema – aetiology and orthodontic treatment

Introduction

Maxillary midline diastemas are an aesthetic concern for many patients and their parents. The diastema seen in many children as part of normal development in the mixed dentition, disappears naturally in most cases as dental development proceeds.

It may however persist either because of its width or other associated factors. If it is to be closed satisfactorily by orthodontics an understanding of the aetiology is essential.

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