

# CENTURY ORTHODONTICS

OUR THIRD CENTURY OF ORTHODONTIC EXCELLENCE

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## Fixed Spring Appliance Option (Forsus)

As part of our contract with you, we agreed to do everything possible to give your child a great result. In return you promised to pay us and insure that your child would follow through with the following:

1. Practice adequate oral hygiene
2. Avoid foods and activities that would break the braces
3. Wear elastics and other appliances as needed.
4. Keep regular appointment visits

We reserved the right to discontinue treatment or charge additional fees to cover extended treatment time made necessary by poor cooperation.

At this time it has become apparent that your child has not worn his/her elastics as instructed, despite numerous encouragements and warnings on our part, resulting in an increased time in braces. For this reason we are forced to ask you to choose one of the following options:

1. Wear the elastics as instructed from now on and we are all happy! (last chance)
2. Give up on correcting the bite, align the teeth as best we can, and remove the braces.
3. Place a **Fixed Spring Appliance (FSA)** to provide "power" without the necessity of patient cooperation with elastics.

If we use the **Fixed Spring Appliance** then:

1. We will need to switch out the bonded brackets on the upper molars to more durable metal bands around the teeth. To do this usually requires a week or so of separator wear to space the teeth apart enough to fit bands
2. As these appliances are not removable, oral hygiene becomes more difficult, but still must be done!
3. It is certainly possible to break the **FSA** appliance and additional appointments for repair may be necessary. Patient must learn to adapt to the appliance and not "fight" it.
4. To cover the cost of the **FSA** appliance and the additional work we need to do to place it we are forced to charge a separate, one-time fee of \$225.
5. Typically, even so-so elastic band wear gets mild to moderate orthodontic problems corrected (takes longer but we usually get things done). Only more difficult skeletal discrepancy require exceptional elastic band wear. For this reason neither excellent elastic band wear nor the use of FSA appliances can guarantee a perfect correction....but the one thing we know is, poor elastic band wear guarantees that we will fail!

**Last Chance**.....If the patient returns in a week, having demonstrated that he/she is now committed to wear elastics as instructed from now on, we will remove the separators, skip placing the FSA appliance and waive the additional fee. This however will be the last "last chance"!