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## EARLY TREATMENT

RMO® provides a variety of early treatment options including many variations of expanders, distalizers and other interceptive appliances. Ideally, it is best for children to see an orthodontist by age 7 in order to determine if orthodontic treatment is required. This is widely considered the best time for patients to begin treatment and/or treatment planning. The first permanent molars and incisors have usually erupted by that time and crossbites, crowding, and other problems can be evaluated.

When treatment begins early, the orthodontist can guide the growth of the jaw and guide incoming permanent teeth. Early treatment can also regulate the width of the upper and lower dental arches, gain space for permanent teeth, avoid the need for permanent tooth extractions, reduce the likelihood of impacted permanent teeth, correct thumb-sucking, and eliminate abnormal swallowing or speech problems. Early treatment can simplify orthodontic treatment for the patients and orthodontist.

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