

PREVALENCE OF MALOCCLUSION AND ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT NEED
A REVIEW

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INTRODUCTION

Malocclusion is a close runner up to Dental Caries which has been regarded as the major dental disease throughout the World, with fluoridation and other primary prevention programmes there is a good chance for significant reduction of Dental Caries. The morphogenetic nature of most malocclusions assures us that this dentofacial problem will continue to demand the best dentistry can offer for a long time to come.

Weinberger had pointed out that there has been awareness of unsightly appearance of "Crooked teeth" many Centuries before. It is mentioned in the writings of Hippocrates (460 - 377 B.C.) Aristotle (384 - 322 B.C.) & Celsus, etc⁷⁷

The term malocclusion refers to appreciable deviation from the ideal, that may be considered aesthetically or functionally unsatisfactory.⁶⁹

Malocclusion involves, Teeth, bone and neuromuscular system.⁷⁷ It can cause three types of problems for patients, i.e., Psychological problem with oral function and problem of increased periodontal disease and Dental decay.⁷⁰ Psychological implications of malocclusions and dentofacial deformities are becoming more important all the time. Psychological implication of malocclusion can be enormous.