

# **CIGNA ORTHODONTICS, PC**

## **FACT SHEET**

### **“NON EXTRACTION PHILOSOPHY”**

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#### **BENEFITS**

Dr. Cigna emphasizes treating the face and the more beautiful profiles that are created using non-extraction technology.

#### **REASON**

Excessive extraction of the bicuspids often causes negative profile changes as the lips move back and the nose and chin continue to ‘grow’ forward in adulthood. The result is a concave profile and a prematurely aging face. Excessive tooth extractions will also decrease the vertical dimension of the face and increase the likelihood of TMJ disorders.

#### **STATISTICS**

Equally important are little known facts about tooth extraction:

#### **\*Extraction Rate \***

Dr. Cigna’s extraction rate averages less than 5% of patients while the National Average is 20% of patients.

By using state-of-the-art auxiliary appliances in addition to braces it is possible to increase arch length and width, thus avoiding extraction of permanent teeth. While severe crowding in the permanent dentition may require extractions to produce a stable occlusion, these cases do

represent a small percentage of patients.

#### **GREAT SMILES**

**START** with timely dental checkups and early Orthodontic evaluations. As the guideline for the standard of care, the American Association of Orthodontics recommends children have an orthodontic check-up by age 7.

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