



THE BIONATOR

The Bionator is one of many different appliances which are essentially used for growth modification therapy. If worn as instructed (usually 22-23 hours/day) during a period of growth, the Bionator will help establish a more favorable jaw relationship. Bionators are functional appliances and **are not designed to fit snugly** or snap into position like other removable orthodontic appliances. Instead, the patient learns to *function* with the appliance in their mouth by frequently positioning their lower jaw forward to help seat the Bionator.

It should be noted that like all orthodontic treatment techniques, success is not universal. There is a wide range of factors that can plague orthodontic corrections which include lack of patient cooperation, poor growth direction, and inadequate growth increments. To help obtain the best possible results, please read and follow these basic instructions.

- ✓ THE BIONATOR SHOULD BE WORN 22-23 HOURS/DAY UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY THE ORTHODONTIST.
- ✓ TAKE YOUR BIONATOR OUT TO EAT AND TO BRUSH/FLOSS YOUR TEETH.
- ✓ SOMETIMES THE BIONATOR WILL RUB OR DIG INTO YOUR SOFT TISSUE. DIRECTLY BEHIND YOUR LOWER FRONT TEETH. IF THIS OCCURS, LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS IT USUALLY EASY TO FIX.
- ✓ TAKE YOUR APPLIANCE OUT WHEN PLAYING CONTACT SPORTS.
- ✓ THINK TWICE BEFORE TAKING THE APPLIANCE OUT OF YOUR MOUTH IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR CASE.
- ✓ BIONATORS ARE DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE TO REPAIR/RE-MAKE.
- ✓ PLEASE KEEP YOUR BIONATOR AWAY FROM ANY PETS.
- ✓ TO CLEAN THE YOUR BIONATOR, USE A TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE AND COLD WATER EVERY TIME YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH.
- ✓ NEVER PLACE YOUR BIONATOR IN HOT WATER OR DENTURE CLEANSERS.
- ✓ IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THE OFFICE.
- ✓ REMEMBER...COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION ARE THE KEYS TO ORTHODONTIC SUCCESS.
- ✓ Please call with any questions or issues.