

Orthodontic Brackets



Brackets are usually placed using a method called indirect bonding. A model is made from an impression of your teeth. Dr. Wohlgemuth precisely places the brackets onto this model. The model is then sent to our lab where a series of procedures are performed to embed the brackets into a plastic tray. **The combined doctor and laboratory time to complete these procedures is approximately two hours per patient.**

Both ceramic and stainless steel brackets are available in our practice. Dr. Wohlgemuth will determine the appropriate options for your individual treatment. **It is important to decide on the type of brackets that will be used prior to making these trays to avoid additional lab costs for any changes once the trays have been fabricated.**

Bracket options:



Stainless steel brackets are a smaller, more comfortable bracket. These brackets are designed to allow the archwire to move freely within the bracket, reducing friction and decreasing treatment time. Decorative colors may be added if desired to the stainless steel brackets. These brackets are recommended for both the upper and lower teeth.



Ceramic brackets are available for limited use and are recommended primarily for adults. These brackets are larger and somewhat higher profile thereby limiting their use to the upper arch only. The ceramic bracket offers an esthetic benefit, however for our patients who may be more active the potential for fracture of the bracket may be increased. Treatment time may be slightly extended when these brackets are used due to more friction between the wire and bracket.