



**Oral Hygiene Agreement**

To achieve successful orthodontic results, ORAL HYGIENE is a very important factor. Permanent damage to the teeth and gums may result from POOR ORAL HYGIENE and possibly extend treatment time. Therefore, we encourage both the patient AND PARENT to be actively involved in the care of the patient's teeth.

- 1) The patient and parents should follow all instructions in oral hygiene care-- during the course of orthodontic treatment.
- 2) If the patient child is unable to do the above instruction, the parents should carry out the prescribed regiment for his or her teeth at least once daily.
- 3) The patient should visit their general dentist every three to six months for a cleaning and exam.
- 4) The patients and parents should share any oral hygiene concerns with the orthodontist and staff, and ask for additional instructions if needed.
- 5) If oral hygiene is neglected, active treatment may be stopped; I (or child) will be required to work with their dental health care professional until a more satisfactory result can be obtained.

**A HEALTHY SMILE IS AGELESS!**

Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_