

TAD's

Temporary Anchorage Device (TAD)

Temporary anchorage devices, or TADs, are small titanium anchors used in certain orthodontic cases to help achieve tooth movements which would be difficult with braces alone. TADs are usually used in addition to braces. TAD's may be placed by an Orthodontist, Periodontist or Oral Surgeon. The fee for placing the TAD is additional to the orthodontic treatment fee.

How are TADs placed?

Anaesthetic is used to numb the gum tissue and the jaw surrounding the area where the TAD will be placed. Once the area is numb, your doctor will gently place the TAD through the gum tissue and firmly into the jawbone.

The placing of a TAD is quick, and may be over before you know it. While your doctor is placing the TAD, you may feel slight pressure, but within a day,

you will no longer be able to feel the TAD. Your TAD is removed once your treatment is complete, or when it is no longer needed to help straighten your teeth. Removal of a TAD is a comfortable procedure that takes just a few minutes.

What can I do to relieve discomfort caused by my TAD?

If you do feel any discomfort from having your TADs placed, Paracetamol is recommended. If you continue to experience discomfort days after your treatment, please contact your dentist as soon as possible.

How can I keep my TAD clean?

A TAD can be cleaned the same way you clean your braces, by brushing your teeth at least three times a day.

If you have questions about TADs, please contact our practice. We will be able to answer any of your questions and provide you with detailed information about your orthodontic treatment.

