

Important Questions to Ask During Your Second Opinion Consultation:

- Is the doctor a specialist in orthodontics?
- Is the doctor Board Certified by the American Board of Orthodontics?
- Does the doctor display American Board cases?
- How do you rate the quality of their display records? Are these displays their own or generic marketing products?
- Is the doctor active in clinical research?
- Does the doctor offer a clear treatment plan or is the plan offered filled with uncertainties?
- Does the practice show successfully treated patients from their practice that have similar problems to yours?
- Does the doctor use functional appliances to correct skeletal (jaw) problems?
- Does the doctor place the braces directly or indirectly?
- What technologic advances does the practice offer?
- Does the doctor use proper technology that allows him/her to reduce the total number of appointments necessary to complete your treatment?
- Does the practice offer flexible financing?
- Does the quoted fee include diagnostic records? Does the practice routinely take progress and retention records at no additional fee?
- Does the quoted fee include retainers and retention visits?
- Does the practice charge for emergency visits?
- Does the practice charge for broken permanent retainers? How much?
- Does the practice file insurance claims for the patient?

