

Las Vegas NV Orthodontist Offers TAD Devices

Dr. David Alpan, a Las Vegas NV braces specialist, explains how TAD devices work and when they are used.

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Temporary Anchorage Devices (TADs) are basically mini-screws that attach directly to the bone of the jaw and allow for specific orthodontic and dental procedures. “TADs are very useful in a variety of situations where they can simplify treatment and reduce treatment time,” says Dr. David Alpan, whose Las Vegas NV orthodontics practice offers the devices.

TADs can be used to address a number of dental conditions. For instance, if a dentist wants to pull in your front teeth, he or she could use your back molar teeth anchor the screws and exert pressure to pull the front teeth in. Molars are large, multi-rooted, and will move very little.

Dentists can also use the screws to move teeth in order to close a gap caused by a missing tooth, correct an anterior open bite, or to upright tipped molars. “TADs can prevent the need for dental implants and jaw surgery,” points out Las Vegas NV invisible braces provider, Dr. Alpan. “So it can be a less invasive solution for some issues.”

TADs can also be used in conjunction with braces to eliminate the need for headgear and thus reducing the need for the patient’s compliance with treatment. “Patients appreciate the TAD system,” says Dr. Alpan. “It can reduce the total braces treatment time and increase the patient’s comfort.”

TADs can be inserted directly into the bone in a simple surgical procedure. Made of titanium, the screws are about the length of a thumbnail and as wide as the head of a pin. The dentist will first numb the area with an anesthetic gel. When the TAD is inserted, the patient may feel some pressure, but rarely discomfort. “When treatment is finished, the TAD can be removed quickly and painlessly,” observes Dr. Alpan.

Learn More:

To learn more about Las Vegas NV orthodontics provider Dr. David Alpan, visit his Web site at www.aeortho.com, or call at 702-784-0500.

About Dr. David Alpan:

Dr. David Alpan earned his DDS degree from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco received his Orthodontic Specialty certificate in 1998. Dr. David Alpan founded Aesthetic Orthodontics in Los Angeles in 1998 – and in Beverly Hills and Las Vegas in 1999. Certified as an Invisalign provider in 1999, Dr. Alpan was hired by Align Technology in 2001 to teach certified Invisalign classes. He has also served as a consultant for Align Technology’s clinical education department.

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