

## Transferring into/out of Huntsville with Braces

Moving to another city with braces on is a part of the big picture of a family's transition to a new life in a new place. Here are some things to think about as you make your way through the health care decision-making maze:

1. **AS SOON AS YOU KNOW** to which city you are moving, you should start looking for and thinking about which orthodontist will take over the care. One way to locate orthodontists in your new place is to use the [Orthodontist Locator](#) at the American Association of Orthodontists. Another resource to consider includes talking with new friends or possibly family members in that new location.

If you are moving to Huntsville/Madison County, here is the list of orthodontists in our area with their phone numbers, located in our county from the center of Huntsville outward. These gentlemen are all members of the American Association of Orthodontists. If a practice web site is available or if the doctor is board certified, that is listed here as well:

J. Edward Walker, Jr., DMD	533-1633	
Russell H. Lowrey, DMD	536-9635	
William J. Griffin, DMD MSD	533-1633	<a href="http://www.drgriffinbraces.com">www.drgriffinbraces.com</a>
Joe C. Strickland, DMD	533-0240	
Paul W. Sproul, DMD	539-7447	
L. Alan Jones, DMD	882-9483	ABO <a href="http://www.producingsmiles.com">www.producingsmiles.com</a>
M. David Lehman, DMD, MSD	881-8144	
Charles Ray Graham, DMD, MSD	882-6000	ABO <a href="http://www.bracesbygraham.com">www.bracesbygraham.com</a>
David E. Yarbrough, DMD	837-2200	
Murray Dickson, DMD	880-8360	
James E. Hatcher, DMD, MSD	772-0041	ABO <a href="http://www.hatcherortho.com">www.hatcherortho.com</a>

2. **BEFORE YOU MOVE:** Discuss with your orthodontist about where you are in treatment, and what he/she thinks is the next step. You will likely have to sign releases to allow your records to be mailed to your new orthodontist's office. In our office, we will review the financial arrangements, and if we owe you money, we will return it to you...and if you owe us money for treatment already rendered, we will expect it prior to releasing a copy of your diagnostic records en masse.
3. **MEETING THE NEW ORTHODONTIST:** You will possibly want to meet several orthodontists in your new area in order to find the mix of personality and flow of communication that agrees with you. Once you have made up your mind, you may then request to have the orthodontic records transferred to your new orthodontist.
4. **ONCE YOU HAVE CHOSEN YOUR NEW ORTHODONTIST,** you should know it is customary for the receiving orthodontist to request new diagnostic test results of the transferring patient. That means new photos, impressions, xray films with braces on. The reason for this is so that the new orthodontist can evaluate the progress of treatment from the beginning to the point at which the new doctor takes over the care. From that information, it is possible new appliances, new wires and possibly a new treatment plan will be recommended. Please be aware of that.