### **COMMON CONCERNS**



far enough forward.

#### **Underbite**

An underbite is characterized by the lower jaw extending out, causing the lower front teeth to sit in front of the upper front teeth.

# **Spacing**

Spacing problems may be caused by missing teeth, or they may only be a cosmetic or aesthetic issue.

# **Upper Front Teeth Protrusion**

The appearance and function of your teeth are impacted by this type of bite. It is characterized by the upper teeth extending too far forward or the lower teeth not extending

## **Crowding**

Crowding occurs when teeth have insufficient room to erupt from the gum. Crowding can often be corrected by expansion, and many times, tooth removal can be avoided.

#### **Crossbite**

The upper teeth sit inside the lower teeth, which may cause tooth wear and misaligned jaw growth. This can often be corrected by expansion.

#### **Overbite**

The upper front teeth extend out over the lower front teeth, sometimes causing the lower front teeth to bite into the roof of the mouth.

# **Openbite**

Proper chewing is impacted by this type of bite, in which the upper and lower front teeth do not overlap. Openbite may cause a number of unwanted habits, such as tongue thrusting.

#### **Dental Midlines Not Matched**

This type of problem is caused when the back bite does not fit and match appropriately, which may negatively impact jaw growth and proper dental function.

If you have concerns about any of these conditions, be sure to mention your concern to the doctor.