



ENGINEERING SPECTACULAR SMILES WITH SUPERIOR SERVICE FOR AMAZING PATIENTS[®]

SLENDERIZING

- ❖ Slenderizing of teeth (reducing their width) allows improved alignment while minimizing the need for extractions.
- ❖ Teeth are chosen at the time of the procedure and are usually limited to back and/or lower front teeth unless specifically indicated otherwise by Dr. Papandreas.
- ❖ Teeth are first slightly separated using a wooden toothpick between the teeth. This is usually the most 'challenging' step of the procedure for patients as the tooth pick initially presses against the gum tissue.
- ❖ A small portion of the enamel located to the sides of select teeth is then lightly removed. Anesthetic is never used.
- ❖ When finished, teeth will be approximately ¼ to 1 mm thinner overall.
- ❖ The procedure has never caused any known harm to the teeth to date but it can. Risks include but are not limited to persisting sensitivity of teeth, need for a root canal, the loss of teeth, and increased cavities.
- ❖ If front teeth are reshaped they will have a different size and form when complete, please be aware of this as once done there is no return.
- ❖ Should you have any questions, please feel free to ask Dr. Papandreas directly regarding this procedure; his intention is to perform this step today.
- ❖ There is no charge for this additional step in your care!

For more information about your treatment and Papandreas Orthodontics please visit our website at www.DrPapandreas.com.

Papandreas Orthodontics and the American Association of Orthodontists recommends a specialist evaluate all children no later than the age of 7. Although treatment rarely if ever begins at this age the early detection of impending problems will lead to a simpler future solution with proper timing. **Dr. Papandreas provides the initial consultation with records and follow-up observations at no charge.** Do not hesitate pursuing this evaluation regardless of the perception that 'all is ok' as many problems are not easily identifiable except by a certified orthodontic specialist. **No referral is necessary.**