

Evaluation of Motivational factors in orthodontic treatment of malocclusion patients: a narrative review

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Abstract

The physical, mental and social consequences of malocclusion can adversely affect the personal satisfaction of individuals in society. The motivation of the patient and his parents as well as the opinion of the orthodontist are two factors influencing the decision to start treatment. Knowing these motivations, maintaining and strengthening them is effective in achieving successful results of orthodontic treatment. This narrative review investigates the most important motivational factors and the tendency of orthodontic treatment in persons with malocclusion in different examinations. Most studies show that aesthetic and having regular teeth is the main motivation for orthodontic treatment. After aesthetic, two other important motivating factors are parents' interest and concern and dental advice. The child's relationship with his parents plays an important role in motivating the orthodontist as a motivating factor. Hence, it is essential to analyze the variables influencing the attitude and behavior of parents. Also, the role of the dentist in providing the necessary explanations to the patient is important for the patient's need for orthodontic treatment because it fundamentally affects the patient who needs this treatment. Other major motivating factors for orthodontic treatment include dissatisfaction with appearance, gender, age, intellectual level, social group, reality of the deformity. Understanding these factors can enable better resource planning and better assessment of treatment necessities and needs. However, most studies are limited to the children population, and on the other hand, few studies, especially on the motivation of the individual associated with the type and severity of malocclusion, and more studies are needed.

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1. Introduction

Malocclusion is of the most widely recognized dental problem characterized by irregular teeth or misalignment between dental arches outside the normal range. (1). By and large, malocclusion is a developmental problem of the facial cranial complex that influences the jaw, tongue and facial muscles and leads to psychosocial disturbances,

speech and chewing problems, increased risk of injury in accidents, periodontal problems, temporomandibular joint disease, bruxism and headaches (2). Etiological factors involved in malocclusion include genetic, environmental, ethnic, social, as well as harmful oral habits. Skeletal and dental alterations occur at three different spatial levels, including sagittal, transverse, and vertical in malocclusion (3,39,40).

Three classes of malocclusion (class I, II and III) are definite as per the relationship of the upper super durable first. In class I malocclusion, the molar relationship is typical, however the occlusal line is confused with dislodging or different causes, but in class II, the lower molars are distal to the upper molars and the occlusal line has no particular features. On the other hand, in the class III malocclusion, the lower molars are mesial relative to the upper molars and no particular feature is seen in the occlusal line (4, 5).

The prevalence of malocclusion without distinctions in gender orientation is accounted for to be 56% around the world, with the most elevated prevalence in Africa (81%) and Europe (72%), trailed by the United States (53%) and Asia (48%) (6). Because of contrasts in ethnic gatherings, age gatherings, methods of enlistment and assortment of malocclusion, the prevalence of malocclusion fluctuates all over the world

(7). In the United States, approximately 30% of people have normal occlusion, while the prevalence of class I malocclusion was between 50-55%. The prevalence was about 15% and less than 1% in class II and class III malocclusion, respectively (8). In population of Denmark, the prevalence of natural malocclusion was 14%, while the prevalence of class I, II, and III malocclusion was 58%, 24%, and 4%, respectively (9). In the Australian population, the prevalence of natural malocclusion, Class I malocclusion, Class II malocclusion and Class III malocclusion have been accounted for at 7.1%, 58.8%, 21.5% and 12.6%, respectively (10). Various studies have shown a significant variation in the prevalence of malocclusion in diverse parts of Iran, which has restrictions for applying the outcomes. A meta-analysis study by ESLAMIPOUR et al. in Iran (2016) showed that the predominance of typical malocclusion was accounted for to be 7.1%, Class I malocclusion 58.8%, Class II malocclusion 21.5%, and Class III malocclusion 12.6% (11). Assessment class malocclusions is perhaps of the main elements that assume a decisive part in diagnosis and treatment (12). Treatment options are different for each type of malocclusion. Some different treatment options include extracting the damaged tooth or teeth, removing the crown and performing endodontic treatment to prevent trauma to the tooth, and using orthodontics to move the tooth to the correct position (13). Currently, orthodontic treatment is an ideal way to correct misaligned teeth and jaw problems, especially in malocclusion, so that this kind of dental consideration is broadly accessible around the world and there is an unmistakable interest for treatment by patients. Then again, there is proof that orthodontic treatment has been

efficacious in technically correcting malocclusion (14-16).

2. The role of motivation and tendency for orthodontic treatment in malocclusion

Malocclusion, in addition to being a disease, causes a person to deviate from the norm of beauty in society, and the main expectation of its treatment is to improve oral function and appearance (17). In orthodontics, the number of people who turn to orthodontic treatments to improve psychosocial problems related to facial appearance has increased compared to the past, and even in the goal of orthodontic treatments, more importance is given to the issue of beauty and facial appearance as a therapeutic goal (18). Regular teeth and a beautiful smile create self-confidence in social relations, while irregular and protruding teeth have a negative effect. Social criteria for facial appearance are different from those accepted by a dentist (19). Therefore, understanding the need for orthodontic treatment should be performed according to the common social and cultural criteria about the appearance of individual. In addition to social pressures, a person's self-impression of the appearance of their teeth may be involved as a psychosocial factor in their desire for orthodontic treatment (20). Therefore, in several studies, person dissatisfaction of appearance and demand for a better appearance was the primary motivation to request treatment, and this rate enhances with increasing severity of occlusion deviation from normal (21,38). Therefore, several factors are involved in motivating patients to decide to pursue orthodontic treatment and also these factors are diverse in different communities (22). In the study of Islamipour et al., Only 21.9% of patients definitely needed orthodontic treatment, however, only about 3% of patients had treatment, and this shows that the presence of malocclusion alone does not cause orthodontic treatment (23). It seems that patients' motivations as well as external factors influence the decision to start treatment. Apart from parents and peers, another external factor is the referral and recommendation of orthodontists (24). In the past, dentistry focused more on mere clinical and scientific findings, but today the effect of patients' preference and clinical and scientific evidence is the same. Thus, optimal orthodontic treatment from a dentist's point of view can cause patient dissatisfaction and the effect of this issue is greater when there is a contrast between the patient's motivations and treatment results (25, 26). So, dentist advice and individual motivations are both effective in treating. By knowing the motivations of patients and their

understanding of their need for treatment, it is possible to better understand their expectations of treatment and by fulfilling these expectations, provide patients with greater satisfaction after the end of treatment (27, 28). As mentioned, the motivational factors for orthodontic treatment in different societies are various. This narrative review investigates the most important motivational factors and the tendency of orthodontic treatment in patients with malocclusion in different examinations.

3. Literature Reviews

In the Trulsson et al study in Sweden showed that societal rules and beauty culture in society were the main significant motivation for orthodontic treatment in young people because these group were not fully aware of the impact of external factors and these people have started treatment by understanding their personality and making independent decisions (29). A study by Wedrychowska-Szulc et al. in Poland demonstrated that desire to improve beauty was the main significant motivating aspect for treatment in children, as with expanding age, girls were essentially more mindful of malocclusion than boys. Likewise, in this study detailed that a huge level of patients were urged to get orthodontic treatment at the demand their parents (30). The study by Henson et al in USA examined the effect of peers' sports, social, leadership and educational abilities on adolescents' perceptions on dental beauty. Their results showed that the distinctions in rankings between ideal and non-ideal smiles were critical for understanding athletic execution, prominence, and administration capacity, but there was no significant difference in academic performance (31). Hoda M.A et al study in Saudi Arabia evaluated that only 69.4% of patients had a tendency to correct malocclusion, which was mainly for cosmetic improvement (32). A study by BENG T ING ERVALL et al indicated that only 11 patients (4%) out of 278 malocclusion patients thought they needed orthodontic treatment, while 166 patients (60%) needed orthodontics treatment was significant (33). The study of Eslamipour et al. in Iran demonstrated that the general motivation for orthodontic treatment was wide. Aesthetic motivation was the highest score, followed by functional and social motivation. Overall motivation and performance were significantly higher in men. The tendency to orthodontic treatment was moderate and there was no noteworthy variance between the two gender. The patient's motivation was the first priority and the

parents the second priority was treatment (34). The study by Marques et al. exhibited that 78% of Brazilian children wanted orthodontic treatment, but 69% of their parents did not want orthodontic treatment for their child because of the high cost of orthodontic treatment. On the other hand, there was a significant relationship between the tendency to orthodontic treatment and the type of malocclusion, but there was no noteworthy connection between the tendency to orthodontic treatment and gender and age factors (35). The findings of a study by Adam S.Daniels et al expressed that parents were more persuaded contrasted with youngsters with get orthodontic treatment for their kids, particularly among patients who had recently been dealt with. The higher the patients' motivation for treatment, the more they helped out their orthodontists' treatment proposals, in any case, the parents' motivation for orthodontic treatment of their kid was not altogether connected with their youngsters' treatment collaboration (36). A study by Andrade Oliveira et al on adults who referred for orthodontic treatment showed that adult patients are more interested in advanced aesthetic treatment through attention to detail and greater understanding of primary malocclusion. Also, adult patients, after knowing the limitations of their treatment and trusting the orthodontist, display high satisfaction with the treatment results and show themselves as good patients for the indication and implementation of orthodontic treatment (37,41,42). Table 1 summarized studies which investigate motivational factors in orthodontic treatment of malocclusion patients

4. Conclusion

The physical, mental and social consequences of malocclusion can adversely affect the personal satisfaction of individuals in society. The motivation of the patient and his parents as well as the opinion of the orthodontist are two factors influencing the decision to start treatment. Knowing these motivations, maintaining and strengthening them is effective in achieving successful results of orthodontic treatment. Most studies show that aesthetic and having regular teeth is the main important motivation for orthodontic treatment. After aesthetic, two other important motivating factors are parents' interest and concern and dental advice. The child's relationship with his parents plays an important role in motivating the orthodontist as a motivating factor. Hence, it is essential to analyze the variables influencing the attitude and behavior of parents. Also, the role of the dentist in providing the

necessary explanations to the patient is important for the patient's need for orthodontic treatment because it fundamentally affects the patient who needs this treatment. Other major motivating factors for orthodontic treatment include dissatisfaction with appearance, gender, age, intellectual level, social group, reality of the deformity. Understanding these factors can enable

better resource planning and better assessment of treatment necessities and needs. However, most studies are limited to the children population, and on the other hand, few studies, especially on the motivation of the individual associated with the type and severity of malocclusion, and more studies are needed.

Table 1: Literature reviews associated with motivational factors of orthodontic treatment in malocclusion patients

Authors (year)	Country	Purpose of the study	Study population	Consequence
Trulsson (2002)	Sweden	The effect of effective factors on the choice of young people for orthodontic treatment.	28 patients (11 young men) with 13-19 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Social culture and cosmetic in society were the most important motivation for orthodontic treatment ❖ Young people were not completely mindful of the effect of outside factors ❖ Young people have started treatment by understanding their personality and making independent decisions
Wedrychowska-Szulc (2010)	Poland	Assessing the motivation of patients and parents / guardians to refer to orthodontic treatment and determining the effect of age and gender in this cycle	674 children (365 girls and 309 boys) aged 7-18 years and 86 parents aged 19-42 years (57 females and 29 males)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The most important motivating factor for treatment in children was the desire to improve beauty ❖ With expanding age, girls were significantly more aware of malocclusion than boys ❖ A significant percentage of patients were encouraged to receive orthodontic treatment at the insistence of their parents
Henson (2011)	USA	the effect of peers' sports, social, leadership and educational abilities on adolescents' perceptions on dental beauty.	Smiling photos of the faces of 10 teenagers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The distinctions in rankings among ideal and non-ideal grins were huge for understanding athletic performance, popularity, and leadership ability, but there was no significant difference in academic performance.
Hoda M.A (2009)	Saudi Arabia	Evaluation of tendency towards malocclusion and need for orthodontic treatment	1459 pre-young adult and Saudi subjects with 9 to 17 years of age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Only 69.4% of patients had a tendency to correct malocclusion, which was mainly for aesthetic improvement
BENGT INGERVALL (1993)	Sweden	Consciousness of malocclusion and craving for orthodontic treatment	278 patients with malocclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Only 11 patients (4%) out of 278 malocclusion patients thought they needed orthodontic treatment, ❖ 166 patients (60%) needed orthodontic treatment, and half of them needed orthodontics treatment was significant.
Eslamipour (2014)	Iran	Evaluation of motivation and willingness to orthodontic treatment in	180 malocclusion patients aged 15-25 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Aesthetic motivation was the highest score, followed by functional and social motivation. ❖ Overall motivation and performance were significantly higher in men.



		patients with malocclusion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The tendency to orthodontic treatment was moderate and there was no tremendous distinction between the two gender. ❖ The patient's motivation was the first priority and the parents the second priority was treatment
S Marques (2010)	Brazil	Determining the factors related to the craving for orthodontic treatment according to the point of view of adolescents and parents	403 people aged 14 to 18 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 78% of Brazilian children wanted orthodontic treatment, but 69% of their parents did not want orthodontic treatment for their child because of the high cost of orthodontic treatment. there was a huge connection between the tendency to orthodontic treatment and sort of malocclusion, but there was no critical connection between the propensity to orthodontic treatment and gender and age factors
Adam S.Daniels (2009)		Connection between persons' degrees of motivational treatment and therapeutic collaboration.	27 children (50.2% young men, 49.8% young girls; normal age, 13 years; age range, 7.11-16.11 years) and their parents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Parents were further interested than children to get orthodontic treatment for their children, especially among patients who had previously been treated. ❖ The higher the patients' motivation for treatment, the more they helped out their orthodontists' treatment proposals ❖ The parents' motivation for orthodontic treatment of their child not altogether connected with their children's treatment participation
Patrícia Gomide de Souza Andrade Oliveira (2013)	Brazil	Evaluate motivation, assumptions and fulfillment	54 adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Adult patients are more interested in advanced aesthetic treatment through attention to detail and greater understanding of primary malocclusion. ❖ Adult patients, after knowing the restrictions of their treatment and believing the orthodontist, show high fulfillment with the treatment results and show themselves as great patients for the sign and execution of orthodontic treatment.

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