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## **Orthodontics for the handicapped child**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The broad spectrum of difficulties that exist in providing orthodontic treatment for handicapped children is well known and few practitioners offer such a service. The present article offers an analysis of the problems involved and provides some practical answers designed to overcome them. It describes some of the newer modalities that have become available to the dental profession over the last few years and shows how advantage may be gained by their exploitation, in orthodontic treatment. Additionally, some of the older and largely-forgotten methods, appropriately modified and updated, are represented in this context, where they find particular relevance. Guidelines are given to enable the orthodontic profession to gain therapeutic access to a section of the population that urgently requires treatment.

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