

## Orthodontics 631 Option 2: Observation of comprehensive treatment

### DENTAL STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

<http://courses.washington.edu/predoc/Ortho631/Observation%20Arm/Observationindex.html>

1. Contact your assigned orthodontics resident. Be sure to tell him/her what clinic session you are most able to attend. The orthodontic residents see patients Mon-Fri mornings and Weds afternoons. Patients are assigned to a particular day (because of faculty coverage) and will only be seen on that day.
2. You will be assigned to a particular patient the resident is treating based on when you can attend clinic. For the purpose of this exercise, you will become this patient's referring doctor.
3. The resident will send you a letter about your patient within a week or two. In the letter will be the specifics about the:
  - Diagnostic summary
  - Treatment objectives
  - Description of any unusual findings
  - Treatment plan
4. Examine the letter and understand its content and meaning. Be prepared to discuss the specifics with your assigned resident advisor.
5. Meet with your assigned resident on a day when the patient has an appointment and review the patient's diagnosis, objectives, treatment plan, and progress to date. You can determine when the patient is next coming in by checking with the orthodontics scheduler, Ms. Gurpreet Gill. Let Ms. Gill and your assigned resident know that you plan to observe that day.
  - **Task: review the initial patient records and complete the "631 Observation Diagnostic Summary" form. You will use this form and the letter to complete your write up.**
  - **Task: Get a copy of the initial photos to turn in when you are done with observation. The images must be of sufficient diagnostic quality.**
6. You must attend a minimum of 3 more appointments with the resident and the patient for a total of 4 observations. Be an active part of the patient's treatment; ask to help out and learn about what's happening. Understand the treatment methods, rationale, and biomechanics. You should examine the patient and review the chart notes at every observation.
7. You must keep record of the patient's progress and what the orthodontic resident is doing to reach the treatment objectives. Keep a log of your attendance (below): what is happening, treatment progress, patient compliance, appliances used, etc.
8. Prepare a typewritten/printed report ("**631 Observation Report**") summarizing the diagnosis, treatment objectives, progress achieved, biomechanics used, and any other issues of importance (i.e. hygiene, compliance, etc). **Note that this form is a template with fields for you to add information (grey zones)**. Attach a copy of the initial letter you received from your assigned resident, the initial photos, your diagnosis sheet, and your attendance log. Use the checklist below.
9. All completed Ortho 631 reports must be submitted to Dr. Greenlee within 3 quarters of registering. Evaluation is Pass/Fail based on your effort, attitude, and the quality of the final report.

