

Why Would I Need to See a Dental Specialist?

Your General Dentist will provide most of the dental treatment that you need, such as general examinations, X-rays and basic cleanings. General Dentists may feel the need to refer you to a Specialist to provide you additional expertise and/or treatment. **Bellow is a list of Dental Specialists that may be offered to you through your dental plan.**



An **Orthodontist** specializes in the treatment of malocclusions (improper bites) and the alignment of teeth. This specialty field typically requires an additional 2-3 years of education following dental school.



An **Oral Surgeon** specializes in surgery of the mouth and jaw. This specialty field requires at minimum, and additional 3 years of education following dental school. A common procedure performed by Oral Surgeons is the removal of impacted teeth.



A **Pediatric Dentist** specializes in providing dentistry to children. This specialty field typically requires an additional 2-3 years of education following dental school.



An **Endodontist** specializes in the tooth pulp and tissues surrounding the root of a tooth. The pulp can become diseased, injured or even die. Since it is often unable to repair itself, endodontic treatment may be necessary. This specialty field typically requires an additional 2-3 years of education following dental school. The most common procedure performed by an Endodontist is "root-canal therapy."



A **Periodontist** specializes in treating diseases and conditions of the supporting structures of teeth (including gums) and diseases or conditions that affect them. Periodontal disease is usually the result of bacterial infection of the gums. If left untreated, it can lead to tooth and bone loss. This specialty field typically requires an additional 2-3 years of education following dental school.

If you believe you need the treatment of a Dental Specialist, please contact your General Dentist or **Argus Customer Care at (877) 864-0625** for additional information.