# FOREVER SMILES BRACKET CHATTER

Official Newsletter from Dr. Yan Razdolsky Specialist in Orthodontics for Children & Adults



## The Mighty Little TADs

The science behind successful orthodontic treatment requires a thorough understanding of biology and physics. For example, Newton's Third Law. "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction," describes the literal force necessary for tooth movement, realignment and bite correction. Therefore, Orthodontics uses physics, including the understanding of torque, pressure, pulling, pushing and the appropriate counteraction to straighten teeth.

According to Newton, forces always come in pairs -- equal and opposite. But what about those unusual cases where a simple back or forth isn't going to correct an orthodontic problem? Sometimes equal and opposite means that in order to move a tooth the desired way, you must work up, down, in and even outside the mouth. For some patients this means successful treatment may require headgear be worn for up to 12 hours or more per day. Ugh! (cont'd on back)

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#### MEET CAROLINE

We are so excited to introduce you all to our new team member, Caroline Marmel.

Caroline joined the Forever Smiles team in August 2018 as a sterilization and records technician. As one of the newest members to the team, she says her favorite part of working here is meeting and getting to know the new patients and making them feel at home. As part of that introduction, she is responsible for taking photos and x-rays

for new patient records, as well as sterilization of instruments as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

In her spare time,
Caroline enjoys
scrapbooking, craft
projects and staying

projects, and staying fit by
working out. She loves travelling, spending
time with her family and playing with her
dogs – Luna, a Pitbull mix and
Berri, her Morkie.

Please say hello to her when you visit our office and help us in welcoming her to Forever Smiles.



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Example 1

But for others there can be great news in the form of a little titanium screw called a temporary anchorage device or TADs. These mini biocompatible screws are implanted into the jawbone serve as anchors to aid in realignment. As the name implies, these mini implants are used temporarily then later

removed after treatment. In some cases, Dr. Razdolsky can employ TADs as an alternative to headgear allowing for greater results in a less invasive way. TADs devices deliver more predictable results, can reduce treatment time, help avoid the removal of teeth, circumvent surgery and can even help patients avoid headgear altogether.

Take for example the case of a gummy smile. Truly there is not a set definition of what makes a smile gummy, but you'll likely know one when you see it. Often patients who are considered gummy have excessive gingival display of about 3mm or more. It

is interesting that the condition is more common in women than men. Additionally, there can be a number of causes, and therefore treatments available – including in some instances TADs.

Take for instance, the patient in example one (left) has extended maxillary central incisors. Through the use of TADs, Dr. Razdolsky and the team were able to apply the





proper force to vertically align the patient's teeth for a straighter smile. Similarly, the patient in example two (right) had both bicuspids lifted into alignment for a nice even aesthetic.

But what makes TADs even more impressive is when they are employed in more complex cases. Just take a look at the study diagrams below and see how Dr. Razdolsky uses TADs along with a lingual arch to shift the second maxillary molars and completely realign this patient's anterior open bite. Pretty cool when you think about it. All this from a tiny, but very mighty little screw. The force is strong with this one.



















## In Closing

Thank you for being part of our Forever Smiles Family. If you have any questions about this newsletter or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us at our Buffalo Grove office: 847-215-7554 or via email: yan@razdolsky.com. We look forward to providing you and our community with even more reasons to smile!

Truly,

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