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# Lingual Bonding

For patients that have severe crowding or spacing, it is necessary to bond a wire on the lingual of the upper or the lower incisors to maintain the alignment of the teeth or to maintain space closure. The composite must be of adequate thickness so that it will not wear off over a brief period of time. It is also contoured for self cleansing and must be bonded somewhat low toward the papilla on the upper if there is a deep overbite.

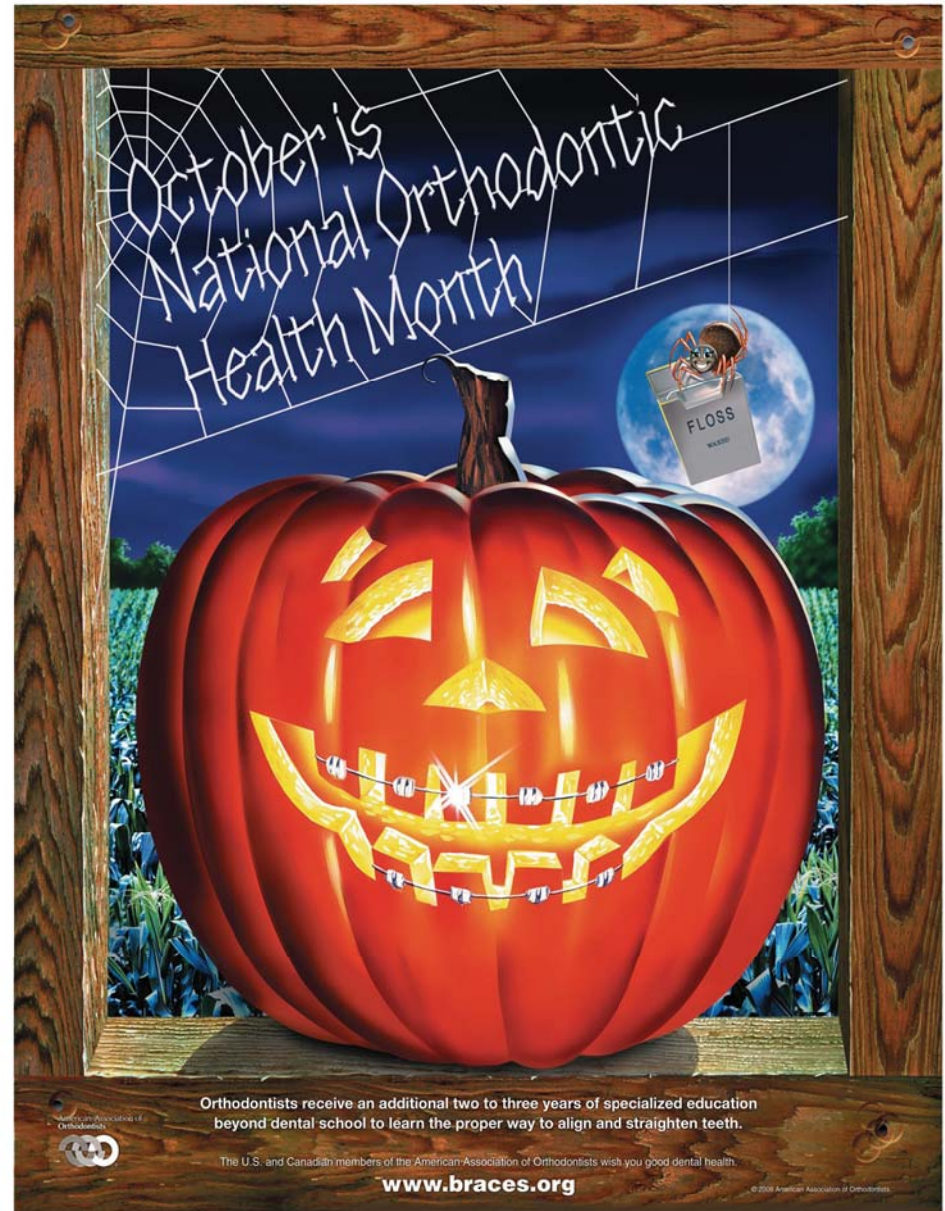


**Lingual Bonding On The Upper**

From an oral hygiene standpoint, it would be ideal if orthodontists did not have to place a lingually bonded wire since flossing can be difficult or impossible.

Patients with severe pre-treatment spacing around the anterior teeth must spend extra time brushing, rinsing, and using floss threaders if possible, to maintain good oral hygiene around their lingual retainer wires.

If cleaning is not adequate, sometimes the lingual bonding has to be removed, and the crowding or spacing has to be accepted. However, in all cases, spaces return if it is removed.



October is  
National Orthodontic  
Health Month

FLOSS

Orthodontists receive an additional two to three years of specialized education beyond dental school to learn the proper way to align and straighten teeth.

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