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Evaluation of smile aesthetics in different face types

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Before the treatments applied in today's modern dentistry and especially in the field of orthodontics, not only dental structures but also facial soft tissues are evaluated, and facial soft tissue aesthetics can be changed as a result of the treatments applied (1). Although patients come mainly to improve their smiles, there are more studies on skeletal structure than soft tissue structure in the orthodontic literature, and smiling is mentioned less frequently (2).

Providing an ideal dental or skeletal relationship in the mouth does not guarantee that smile aesthetics will also be provided. Although intraoral structures are effective in smile aesthetics, the importance of extraoral soft tissue cannot be ignored. Significant changes occur in facial structures during smiling (3). Smile should be evaluated by examining the area surrounded by the upper lip, lower lip and lateral commissures, and anatomical structures such as teeth, gingiva, alveolar base and periodontal tissue in this area (4).

Two-dimensional and three-dimensional recording methods were used while making smile evaluations. Today, three-dimensional imaging methods (stereophotogrammetry) have begun to replace traditional two-dimensional diagnostic methods (photography, video recordings) (5). Studies have observed differences in smiling between groups and genders. Considering these differences, the evaluation of orthodontic treatments will help achieve ideal treatment goals (6, 7).

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