

Meet Your Provider

Steven Kazley, Orthodontist

Q.: How did you get interested in becoming an orthodontist?

A.: I decided to become a dentist because I envisioned a career that would let me enjoy the mechanics and mechanical things, working with my hands, being independent in business, and providing an important public service. The idea to specialize in orthodontics came later once I learned to appreciate the transforming changes and happy smiles that come about through orthodontic treatment.

Q.: You started your own practice in 1985, how have things changed since then?

A.: There has been a constant evolution in orthodontics. We have realized changes that allow our patients to experience treatment more comfortably and more efficiently than ever before. Some of the more dramatic developments have involved use of Invisalign, self-ligating braces, and thermally activated NiTi archwires.

Invisalign allows us to treat adults and some teenagers with the convenience of having no visible or attached braces to the teeth. The development of this concept has brought many more adults into our office. The rapidly developing techniques are allowing us to treat a wider variety of cases with better results.

Self-ligating braces are far and away superior to the standard braces used since the late 1970s and still in use today. Speed System braces and Damon braces are the best of this self-ligating category. We started our first cases in 1985 with the Speed System and have never looked back. The Speed System allows us to have smaller, neater and more comfortable braces in place that are subsequently easier to keep clean. In my opinion, Speed System braces have some features that allow for more graduated force systems and more precise positional control than I feel we can get with the Damon system.

NiTi archwires allow for an approach that uses only a fraction of the amount of force needed to move teeth than was previously necessary. They also allow us longer intervals between adjustments, so visits to our office can be spaced out more.

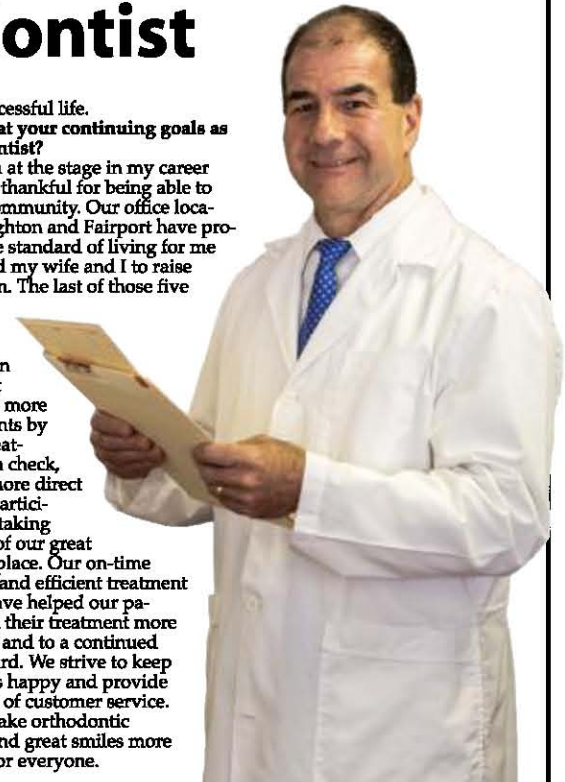
Q.: How do you see the future of orthodontics in this area?

A.: There will always be a demand for orthodontic services because heredity mostly determines how teeth erupt and how bite positions develop. Our job is to improve what nature has created. Most of our patients are driven by smile esthetics that never go out of style. Many studies have shown the benefits of a confident, healthy smile contribut-

ing to a successful life.

Q.: What your continuing goals as an orthodontist?

A.: I am at the stage in my career where I am thankful for being able to serve the community. Our office locations in Brighton and Fairport have provided a nice standard of living for me and allowed my wife and I to raise five children. The last of those five recently graduated from college. I can now look at giving back more to my patients by keeping treatment fees in check, accepting more direct insurance participation and taking advantage of our great systems in place. Our on-time scheduling and efficient treatment planning have helped our patients finish their treatment more predictably and to a continued high standard. We strive to keep our patients happy and provide a high level of customer service. I hope to make orthodontic treatment and great smiles more accessible for everyone.



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