

DRS. BRILLIANT AND MEISTER MAKE ORTHODONTICS FUN

Teenagers are not the only ones getting their teeth straightened these days. Adults make up 45% of the patients treated by orthodontists Drs. Margo Brilliant and Daniel S. Meister who make getting braces a fun thing to do.

Their state-of-the-art office is not only bright and cheerful; it is totally digital and Internet-based. Patients can see their X-rays on a computer screen in front of them. Using computer graphics, they can see an exact replica of their teeth through digital models. For people concerned about radiation, digital x-ray levels are 90% less than in traditional dental x-rays.

This technically advanced office is by design. Dr. Brilliant researched for two years to find the most sophisticated equipment. "I wanted to create a 21st century orthodontic office that is patient-friendly and efficient," says Dr. Brilliant, who has been in practice since 1985. "I did an extensive search to find what we wanted and determine how all the equipment could be integrated."

The result is a modernistic center with bright open spaces and personal computer screens everywhere. Besides open areas, there are private rooms and semi-private rooms, for patients with special concerns. A high-tech laboratory is on site, where retainers are made in an assortment of colors and designs.

Children and adults alike come to be treated for abnormal bites and for crooked and crowded teeth. Thanks to modern science, orthodontics has become more affordable, easier, and less time-consuming. There are three new techniques used to straighten teeth, including Invisalign®, which uses a series of invisible, removable, and comfortable aligners that are virtually unseen. Invisalign® patients are able to view their own virtual treatment plan on screen and follow their progress. Porcelain (clear) braces are an alternative to an esthetic treatment plan. Metal braces are still popular as colors can be added and changed every month to suit your individual personality and mood.

"We have a great time here," notes Dr. Brilliant. On special days, sweets are even served. The Carvel ice cream truck comes to celebrate back to school week. You can usually find fortune cookies or goodies on your way out.

Dr. Brilliant, the mother of two daughters, is an active member of the North Miami Beach/Aventura community. She graduated from Emory Dental School in Atlanta and the University of Maryland, where she received her certification in orthodontics. She is on the board of the South Florida Academy of Orthodontics, and in line to be president in 2006. She is also on the school board at Sinai Academy. Dr. Meister is past president of the Florida Orthodontic Society.

Patient information is available online through the office website: www.brilliantortho.com. Patients receive appointment reminders by email. They can check their appointments, bills, insurance company payments and even pay their bill online. Patients can also personally e-mail Dr. Brilliant and will receive a response within 24 hours.

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