

## Six Month Smiles, Traditional Braces and Invisalign Comparison

Comparison Chart	Six Month Smiles	Traditional Braces	Invisalign
How does it work?	Six Month Smiles utilizes clear braces to gently align teeth in an average time of only six months. The shorter treatment times are achievable by focusing only on your teeth that show when you smile. It's a revolutionary cosmetic-focused treatment designed to correct what bothers you most about your smile.	Traditional braces usually involves metal braces to make major bite changes and align back teeth, not just the teeth that show.	Invisalign utilizes a series of clear aligner trays to move teeth. Some types of tooth movement are nearly impossible with this technology and the ability for the patient to remove the trays may prolong treatment
Average treatment time of only six months	✓	No. Avg treatment time is 2 to 3 years	No. Avg treatment time is typically 12 to 18 months or possibly longer depending on the compliance of the patient
Nearly invisible	✓	No. Metal wires and brackets are typically used with traditional braces because they are more durable and able to withstand the long treatment times.	✓
Affordable	✓	Typically 20% - 30% more expensive than Six Month Smiles	Typically 20% - 30% more expensive than Six Month Smiles
Most patients are candidates	✓	✓	No. Aligner therapy is limited in the types of tooth movement it can achieve so fewer patients are ideal candidates.
Predictable final result	✓	✓	No. Invisalign utilizes a series of trays that are fabricated by a computer at the beginning of your treatment. Often times the computer's predicted results do not match how your teeth actually move resulting in inconsistent results and multiple refinement stages of treatment. Occasionally, Invisalign cases have to be "finished" with several months of braces.

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