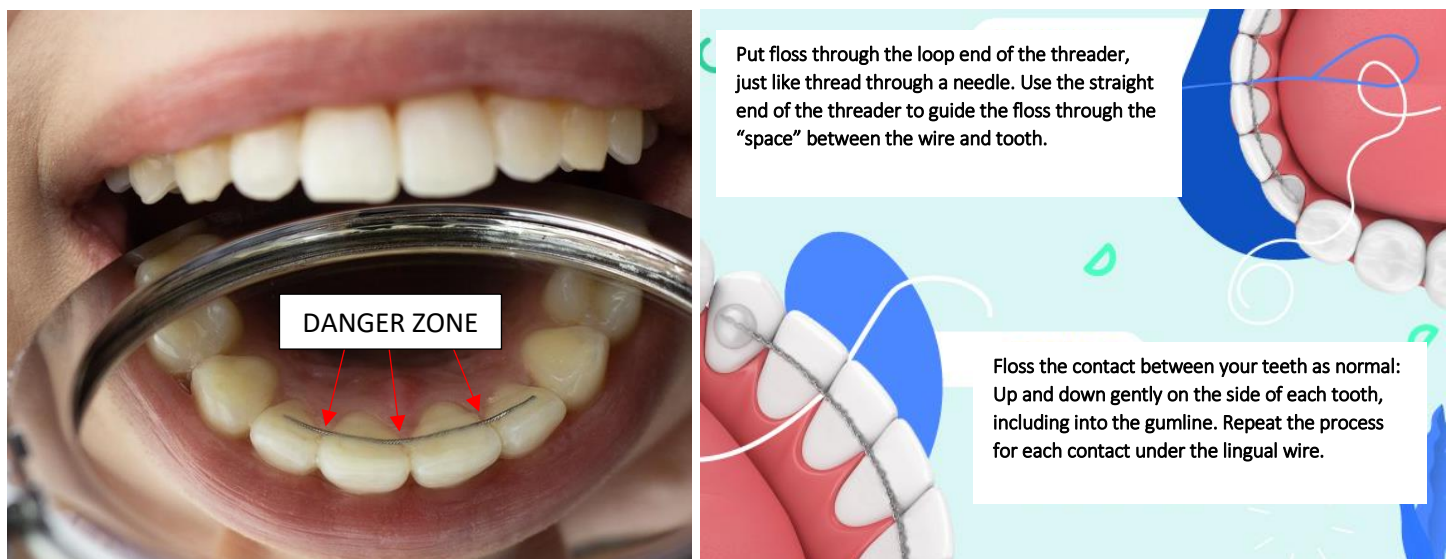


BONDED LINGUAL WIRE RETAINER

Today, you have received an appliance called a “LINGUAL WIRE” which is used to ensure no space or shifting occurs of the front teeth. The teeth want to shift back to their original positions and the wire will help prevent this. Not everyone has this type of retainer. It is specifically used for people who originally began treatment with a larger than normal space or with severe rotated teeth. This wire is bonded on the back of the upper or lower teeth and can be short or long depending on the area of concern. The lingual wire should remain bonded to the teeth until either we need a second phase of orthodontic treatment or for a few years after all adult teeth are straightened.



The lingual wire requires extra brushing and flossing care compared to other types of retainers because extra plaque will collect around it. **Floss threaders** will help guide traditional floss in the “danger zones” which are the hardest to clean areas under the wire. The floss threaders can repeatedly be used since they are not going between the teeth, but simply guiding the floss under the wire.

Placing a lingual wire requires an extremely dry environment for the glue or bonding to work efficiently. Unfortunately, the floor of the mouth is very wet. Occasionally, the lingual wire gets loose or falls off due to the wet environment.

If at some point the wire becomes loose or falls off completely, call us to make us aware. We will either have the wire replaced or remove any remaining glue and eliminate it completely. The doctor will decide if it has been long enough with the lingual wire or not.

Continue using the Spry Xylitol Products, David’s Hydroxyapatite Paste and Oral Probiotics to replenish the “good bacteria” in your mouth. These are available at our front desk.