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The pokey wire

Ask if the patient has tried using wax and confirm any loose or missing brackets. It's the little details that can make the difference between a quick fix and a lengthy appointment (i.e. 5min appt vs 30min appt)!

2

The broken bracket

Check if the patient has an upcoming appointment to save them an extra trip. By screening, it helps to free the schedule of last minute add-ins or clogging up an already busy day. Trust us, your team will THANK YOU.

3

The retainer isn't fitting

"Did you lose or break your retainer, if so, when?" "Did you recently have any dental work done?" If the patient is in an early phase retention, you'll want to ask "has the patient lost any baby teeth since we last saw them?" Understanding their situation helps tailor the solution just right.

4

The loose appliance

Always double-check the type and assess the severity. Often, appliances have bands. If the bands become loose, the patient can damage the appliance by biting down on the bands. Loose bands can also cause irritation. It may be possible the appliance has "arms" for bite correction. When the arms disconnect, they dangle in the patient's mouth making it difficult to eat. Every repair is unique, so let's schedule accordingly!

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The teeth or jaw hurts

We are in the "tooth moving" field! Confirm if the patient has recently started treatment or elastics. It's common to feel some discomfort after beginning treatment or even after a routine appointment. Take a look at last appointment notes to determine if the patient needs to be seen in the office or just needs to ride it out a little bit longer.

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