

## **How the Invisalign System Works**

1. The patient meets with an Invisalign-certified orthodontist who takes an impression and x-rays of the patient's teeth and sends them to the Align Technology lab.
2. At Align's lab, a mold is poured of the patient's teeth and digitized. Align uses its proprietary computer software to generate a start-to-finish 3-D movie that shows the series of movements of the patient's teeth from the current position to the final desired position.
2. The orthodontist reviews and approves the 3-D movie and from this series of images, Align Technology produces a series of clear, plastic "aligners."
4. The patient wears each stage of "aligners" (usually consisting of a pair, one on the upper teeth and one on the lower) for approximately two weeks before switching to the next in the series. Week by week, the patient's teeth are straightened; millimeter by millimeter. Total treatment time is similar to traditional braces and usually ranges from 6 to 24 months depending on the complexity of the case.

The Invisalign System has received FDA clearance meeting all medical device specifications.