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PATIENT EXPANSOR® SCREW ACTIVATION

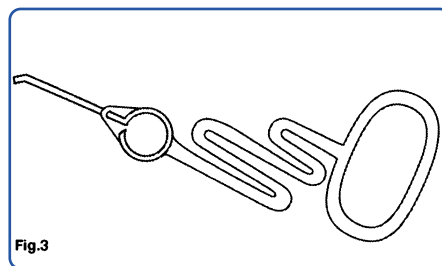
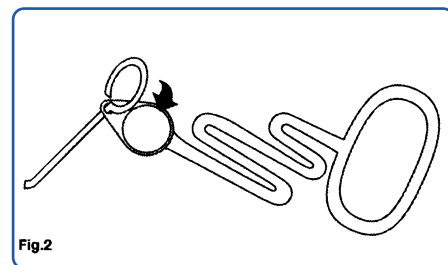
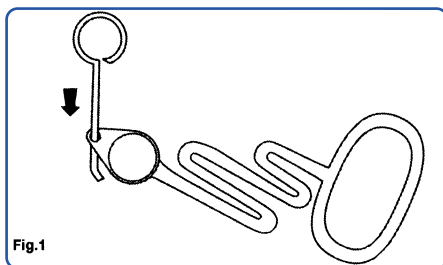
After installing the Expansor Screw appliance the dentist or orthodontist will prescribe an activation schedule. If it is necessary for the patient or the patient's parent to activate the expansor, the dentist or staff member will instruct the patient or the patient's parent on how to activate the Expansor screws. It is very important to instruct them on the direction that they need to turn the appliance, and how many activation turns are needed for each activation. The doctor or staff member will then ensure that the activation key is properly seated into the safety leash key holder. The patient or parent must be made aware of the importance of keeping the key seated in the safety leash key holder.

It should not be removed.

Before giving the expansor screw key to the patient, the procedure below needs to be followed.

- Take the blue safety leash key holder and the patient key. The patient key is bent 45° at one end and is round at the other.
- Insert the tip of the key into the small hole in the end of the leash and slide it through until the key ring is on top of the circular retaining ring. See Fig. 1
- Firmly press the blue retaining ring through the ring in the key. See Fig. 2
- Make sure that the key is firmly seated onto the safety leash. See Fig. 3
- Do not give the patient or the parent the key that is shaped like an octagon on one end, as this is for office or lab use only.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to show the patient or parent that the leash **SHOULD ALWAYS** be attached to the finger before putting the key into the mouth for activation. **DO NOT** ever use the key without it being attached to the safety leash as this can cause a risk of being ingested. It is essential to always hold the key using the index finger and thumb to prevent the key from slipping and falling into the patient's throat.



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