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- Pretreatment
- Debonding
- At least one-year post-treatment

Interim records should be used to illustrate case progress and particular treatment effects if the article is being submitted to introduce a new appliance or approach. Interim records should always illustrate the concepts being presented in the article.

At every stage, records should be high-quality and in-focus and should include:

- Facial photos—right profile non-smiling and frontal non-smiling and smiling
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- Superimposition of pre- and post-treatment tracings, with regional superimpositions if needed to illustrate particular movements
- Pre- and post-treatment panoramic radiographs

(For additional guidance on high-quality case records, see the February 2004 Editor's Corner in the JCO Online Archive, [www.jco-online.com](http://www.jco-online.com).)

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- The text should be no longer than about 300 words.
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