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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.
- Intraoral photos—upper and lower occlusal and right, frontal, and left buccal, taken in centric occlusion.
- Study cast photos, in three or five views, especially if necessary to show articulation or if intraoral photos are not available.
- Pre- and post-treatment lateral cephalograms, with cephalometric landmarks clearly visible and in focus.
- Tracings of pre- and post-treatment lateral cephalograms.
- Superimposition of pre- and post-treatment tracings, with regional superimpositions if needed to illustrate particular movements.
- Pre- and post-treatment panoramic radiographs.

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(For more guidance on taking high-quality case records, see Robert Keim's Editor's Corner, *JCO*, February 2004. This article is freely accessible in the JCO Online Archive, www.jco-online.com.)

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