

## **Summary of Adverse Incidents in Orthodontics in 2014**

### **1. Pharyngeal Obstruction by Lower Twin Block requiring Surgical Removal**

During a coughing fit a patient's modified lower twin block was dislodged. The appliance had previously been sectioned distal to the first premolars. It became lodged in the cricopharynx and required surgical retrieval under a General Anaesthetic. The patient made a full recovery.

### **2. Orthodontic Band swallowed**

Following the suspected swallowing of an orthodontic band the patient was investigated to ensure the item had not been inhaled. No further action was taken once inhalation had been ruled out.

### **3. Possible Allergy to Stainless Steel brackets**

A patient with a history of reaction to Nickel experienced a burning sensation and swelling of cheeks after bond up. This resolved after appliance removal and recurred on "test" bond-up with two brackets. The patient was sent for allergy testing.

### **4. Fracture of Debond Bur during use.**

The fractured bur was removed with suction uneventfully.

### **5. Fractured Gold Chain (no further information)**