Appendix A: Information sheet

“Going to see the orthodontist…
Your thoughts and feelings about going to see the orthodontist”

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Why are we doing this study?
We are doing this study to find out about your thoughts and feelings about going to the orthodontist.

What will happen during this study?
The patients will fill out a questionnaire prior to see the orthodontist or the students. This will take between 10 to 20 minutes. Some questions will ask about your thoughts and feelings about going to the dentist and about your thought and feelings about going to see the orthodontist. Other questions will ask about your levels of concerns about specific procedures when you go to see the orthodontist.

Are there good things and bad things about this study?
No. There is nothing in this study that can hurt you. There are no right or wrong answers. The things you tell us will help orthodontists to be better at treating patients like you. However, you will not benefit directly from taking part in the study. There is no risk to lose your place/appointment while filling the questionnaire.

Who will know about what I did in the study?
Only people who are helping with the study will see your responses to the questions. Your name will not be used anywhere. All information contained in this questionnaire will be confidential. You will not be identified in any way when the results will be prepared. To assure confidentiality, data will only be presented in aggregate.

Do I have to take part in the study?
No. Only you can decide if you want to be in the study. If you decide not to be part in the study, you do not have to fill the questionnaire. Simply return the blank questionnaire in the sealed envelope and no one will know who completed the questionnaire and who didn’t. Your decision will not affect any future orthodontic treatment at the Faculty of Dentistry. Please note that you need to be at least 12 years of age and able to understand and read English to participate.

Who do I contact if I have any questions about the study?
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