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Anterior guidance correction normally involves crowning of upper and lower front 6 teeth and sometimes it may be lesser teeth. The complications that can happen due to the procedure are:



1. Increased chances of dental decay and sometimes very rarely, if there are changes in the flora of the mouth, particularly due to some systemic disease or radiation therapy, then the chances of dental decay become much more but this is true for normal teeth as well even if the procedure is not done.
 2. Other complications are tendency for teeth to entangle with each other during the chewing cycle this normally vanishes in few days to few weeks.
 3. Rarely one may develop bruxism and clenching of teeth which may be difficult to correct and quite troubling to the patient.
 4. Apart from that the teeth which have been crowned become weaker by at least 10 to 15%. The crown on the teeth may fracture and require the replacement of the crown or the bridge whichever is applicable.
- Also there is a possibility that that it may look longer and the face may look little different which may not be acceptable to the patient. The longer teeth are normally corrected by giving Botox to the upper lip.
 - Although this is an exhaustive list of the complications, a complete list is impossible to make because there may be certain complications, waiting to happen which are not yet listed in the literature