

Patent for Dental Aligner System

ELLIOT R. DAVIS, D.D.S., general dentist from Manhattan, was awarded patent #9,861,451 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for his Arch Reformulation Therapy (ART), a periodontal aligner protocol that moves teeth in patients with gum and bone disease and other ailments. A non-invasive, long-lasting alternative to periodontal surgery, orthodontic aligner and traditional orthodontic therapy, it is the first dental aligner system predicated upon improvements to the health of the gums, in lieu of teeth positions, to gauge success. It is expected to be available to patients later this year or 2019.

ART is described as benefitting patients with active periodontal disease, temporomandibular joint dysfunction, general dental sensitivity, or as an alternative to elective orthognathic surgery.

In addition to his Manhattan practice, Dr. Davis has an arch reformulation practice in the Bronx. He is a past president of New York County Dental Society.

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