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### COVER

**On the cover:** Extraction rates have varied widely over time, with as few as 25% of patients reportedly undergoing the procedure in one period to as many as 80% in another. But reported rates must be interpreted with caution: do the numbers represent extractions at a single orthodontic practice, a large university clinic, or are they drawn from a survey of many practitioners and practices? While reports from a single practice are interesting, they cannot be seen as representative. And surveys of practicing orthodontist can have significant inaccuracies. Therefore, large institutions, where different clinicians provide treatment to many patients, may be preferred for the epidemiologic value of the data. In 1994, Proffit published a 40-year review of extraction rates at the University of North Carolina, and now Jackson et al are following up with UNC data from the first decade of the 21st century. The smiling patient on the cover is Madison Brake, who was treated orthodontically by Dr Jake DaBell, Spokane, Washington. Photograph by Steel String Photography, David & Britny Wilson, Spokane, Washington.

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