

## Reading your Treatment Plan (TP)

It is our practice policy to give accurate treatment plans and information regarding your proposed treatment. In order to understand the charting used in your, the following notes may be helpful.

Hence UR6 would mean Upper Right first molar tooth and so on. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the reception staff or your dentist if there are any clinical questions.

### THE PERMANENT DENTITION

The permanent dentition may be referred to as the 'secondary' dentition or 'adult' dentition.

The permanent teeth start to erupt at approximately 6 years of age. The dentition is usually complete at 18 to 21 years of age.

The permanent dentition consists of 32 teeth, i.e. 16 in each jaw, with 8 teeth in each quadrant, as follows:

*Figure 1.10 - The permanent dentition*

- 1 Central Incisor
- 2 Lateral Incisor
- 3 Canine
- 4 First Premolar
- 5 Second Premolar
- 6 First Molar
- 7 Second Molar
- 8 Third Molar (wisdom tooth)

When charting the permanent teeth, each tooth is allocated a number. Starting at the midline in each quadrant, the first (or central) incisor is allocated the number 1; therefore, the second or lateral incisor is 2, the canine is 3, the first premolar is 4, the second premolar is 5, the first molar is 6, the second molar is 7, and the third molar is 8.

