# **Surgical procedure**

# **Sequence of the surgery**

- 1. Corticotomies: Lateral, midline, and (if necessary) posterior disjunction.
- 2. **Placement of the UNI-Smile Distractor**: Fixed with self-drilling screws between teeth (14)-15-16 and (24)-25-26.

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### INCISION

A cross-palatal incision or L-incision is recommended, placed between the premolar and molar or between the premolars. The incision should be made 1 cm downward, as illustrated.

The correct distractor module size can be measured bone to bone with the **fitting models IT0400**.

To maximize potential expansion space, it is advised to use the largest possible module size.

### Blue mark ALWAYS to the left!





### **PLACEMENT**

The abutment plates must be placed horizontally, with the **blue side always on the left**.

Ensure the wings of the distractor are completely and evenly screwed in to avoid losing expansion space.

The Smile Distractor is secured with self-drilling screws DSSA06 or DSSA07 using screwdriver IT0315.





## **UNI-Smile Distractor**

# **Surgical procedure**



## **ACTIVATION**

The surgeon activates the Smile Distractor until an opening of ~1 mm appears between the front teeth.

Use key instrument **IT0314** to turn the distractor from front to back.





#### **BLOCKING SCREW**

The blocking screw **D002** is inserted into one of the two threaded holes using screwdriver **IT0128**.

The blocking wherscrew must be **firmly fixed** using wrist force.

IT0128

#### **KEEP IN MIND**

- I. The wings of the distractor can be turned completely loose of the distractor module. There is no automatic stop.
- 2. A minimum palatal distance of 21,5 mm is necessary to place the smallest UNI-Smile Distractor.

# Sequence of the distraction

- 1. Surgery: (as outlined above)
- 2. Activation period: Begins one week post-surgery. Remove the blocking screw and expand until resistance is felt, then turn once or twice more.
  - During activation (1–2 weeks), patients should turn the device twice daily, 1/4 turn per time (~0.5 mm/day).
  - With each turn, a new color appears.
- Consolidation period: Once the desired expansion is achieved, reinsert the blocking screw firmly. The distractor must remain in place for 3 to 6 months.