Flowchart of FPM management

Patient presents with one or more compromised FPMs that do not require immediate extraction and is prepared to consider interceptive extraction of the FPM. The SPM is unerupted.

- Consider the most seriously affected tooth first.
- Consider each side separately as FPM interceptive extractions are not balanced.

What is the long term prognosis of the FPM?

- Good
- Uncertain
- Poor

TPM absent

- Restore
- Class 1/no crowding or patient unlikely to ever be a candidate for orthodontics
- No orthodontic treatment or no extractions required for orthodontic treatment
- Extract between the ages of 8 and 10 before SPM erupts
- Upper FPM: Do not compensate
- Lower FPM: Compensate

TPM present

- Consider interceptive extraction
- Possible need for future orthodontic treatment
- Orthodontic treatment required needing extractions
- Extract affected FPM(s) and any other teeth at time specified by the orthodontist