



SPEAKERS



VEERASATHPURUSH (SATH) ALLAREDDY, BDS, MBA, MHA, PhD, MMSc

Dr. Sath Allareddy is Professor, Brodie Craniofacial Endowed Chair and Head of Department of Orthodontics at UIC. He serves as the Director of the Specialty Node of National Dental Practice-Based Research and is a member of the Rapid Assessment of Evidence Panel and Planning and Awards Review Committee of the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation. He has published over 250 research articles in peer reviewed journals and presented over 300 posters at regional/national/international scientific meetings. He is one of the most highly cited orthodontics educators worldwide.



JILL ALLEN

Jill Allen is an international orthodontic consultant dedicated to helping doctors achieve their dreams. Her core strengths lie in guiding orthodontists through practice start-ups, acquisitions, comprehensive team training, and supporting practitioners at every stage of their orthodontic careers. With a proven track record of success and a dedicated team of professionals, Jill Allen has been in the orthodontic industry for over 30 years. She has amassed vast knowledge and expertise, making her a trusted leader in the orthodontic field.



PHIMON ATSAWASUWAN DDS, MS, MS, MSc, PhD

Dr. Phimon Atsawasuwan is a professor at the department of Orthodontics, University of Illinois Chicago and a diplomate, American Board of Orthodontics. He also holds Master degrees in Periodontics from Eastman Dental Institute, University College London and Mahidol University, Thailand.



ANTHONY BONAVOGLIA, DDS

Dr. Anthony Bonavoglia is a board-certified orthodontist who oversees a large solo practice, perpetually seeking to optimize efficiency through systematic approaches. Dr. B is the founder and CEO of SmileSuite, the all-in-one solution for new patient scheduling, providing extensive 'done-for-you' or 'do-it-yourself' choices to ensure seamless management of the complete new patient pipeline from initial contact to contract signing.



ANN BYNUM, DDS

Dr. Ann Bynum is originally from Ocala, Florida. She did her undergraduate training at Florida State University. She then attended dental school at the University of Iowa, where she met her husband, Dr. Matt Bynum. She did two further years of training in Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Bynum is a Diplomat of the ABPD, a member of the SSPD, the AAPD, ASAP, and the ADA. She has lectured and written numerous articles on customer service, marketing, leadership, teamwork, and tethered ties, sleep and airway. She enjoys spending time with her husband and their three boys, Matthew, Luke, and John. She enjoys working ON her practice and travelling.



ANDREA COOK

Andrea Cook lives in your world. The "real world" of providing excellent orthodontic care for every patient. Her "clinical pearls" are polished from 20 years' experience as a chair side orthodontic assistant with outstanding orthodontic practices. From the solo practice with a perfectionist doctor to the group practice with multiple locations, Andrea expertly guides orthodontic teams to "Excellence"! Andrea works with the entire team to increase efficiency, improve communications and guide orthodontic practices to a new level of excellence. She has extensive experience as a clinical coordinator for multidocor practice seeing over 120 patients per day. Her expertise provides her unique insight to solutions for the multitude of challenges faced everyday by orthodontic teams.



BRYN COOPER, DDS, MS

Bryn Cooper is in private practice in Houston, Texas and Lake Jackson, Texas at Cooper Orthodontics. She went to the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Dental School for her dental degree then Saint Louis University for her orthodontic residency. She has recertified with the American Board of Orthodontics and is active in Southwestern Society of Orthodontics, several American Association of Orthodontics Committees such as the Committee on Conferences and Meetings, Gifted Smiles with the American Association of Orthodontics Foundation, Spear Study Group, Houston's Women Leading Medicine. She also speaks for uLab Systems in addition to Dental Monitoring. She is pioneering a solo practice that uses digitized orthodontics to leverage efficiency.



MOHAMMED ELNAGAR, DDS, MS, PhD

Dr. Mohammed Elnagar is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). He completed a joint Ph.D. program and Orthodontics Specialty training at UIC. Additionally, he holds a certificate in Artificial Intelligence applications in healthcare from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Dr. Elnagar practices orthodontics in Chicago, focusing on Digital orthodontics, dentofacial orthopedics with skeletal anchorage, and surgical orthodontics. He is widely published and recognized as a national and international speaker. He serves as the Director of the Digital and AI Laboratory at UIC Orthodontics and has received multiple national awards for his contributions to the field of AI. Most notably, in 2023, he was honored with the Burstone-Indiana Biomechanics Award for his work on emerging technologies and was designated as a Burstone Fellow in Biomechanics.



PAT FOLEY, DDS, MS

Dr. Patrick Foley received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Northern Illinois University, a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago, and a Master of Science degree from Saint Louis University. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps prior to receiving his orthodontic training. He maintained a private practice in Lake Zurich, Illinois for 30 years, and he now teaches orthodontics in a full-time capacity at the Center for Advanced Dental Education at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. He served as a Director to the American Board of Orthodontics representing the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists from 2015 to 2024.



THERESA GALANG, DMD, M., MBA

Dr. Maria Therese Sabater Galang-Boquiren is a tenured Professor of Orthodontics at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). She holds dual board certifications as a Diplomate of both the American Board of Orthodontics and the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine, making her one of only five professionals in the United States with this unique combination of expertise.



PAUL GANGE, JR.

Paul Gange Jr. is the Vice President of Reliance Orthodontic Products. He has become a leader in resolving difficult technical bonding issues through countless chairside hours training clinical staff. His passion for research and development has created 12 new Reliance products over the past 10 years and aided numerous research projects. Paul is a published author, lectures domestically and internationally at numerous universities, study clubs, constituent meetings as well as the AAO for the past 9 years. His greatest fulfillment comes from hands-on training for doctors and staff in private offices.



JAMES HARTSFIELD, JR., DMD, MS, MMSc, PhD, FACMGG, CDABO, FACD, FICD

Dr. James Hartsfield is the E. Preston Hicks Endowed Professor of Orthodontics and Oral Health Research at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. He has practiced and is board certified in both orthodontics and medical genetics. Diplomate of the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (Clinical Genetics)

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CINDI JAMES

As the Director of Training at Peniche & Associates, Cindi James has over 32 years of orthodontic experience in both clinical and administrative roles and is a master of the Peniche & Associates' Systems. In addition to all of this, Cindi holds a bachelor's degree in Business Marketing. It is Cindi's unique combination of theory tempered by real-world, in-office experience coupled with the exclusive training of LeeAnn Peniche herself that makes Cindi a highly requested and extremely knowledgeable Peniche & Associates Consultant and international speaker.



KI BEOM KIM, DDS, MSD, PhD

Dr. Kim is a Professor at Saint Louis University, holding the Dr. Lysle Johnston Endowed Chair in Orthodontics. He also serves as the Program Director in the Orthodontic Department at the Center for Advanced Dental Education. Dr. Kim is recognized as a Diplomate by both the American Board of Orthodontics and the American Board of Orofacial Pain. His educational background includes dental training in South Korea, a Ph.D. in Orofacial Pain, and orthodontic training at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Dr. Kim has contributed to over 100 peer-reviewed articles and has authored multiple book chapters. He has been involved in over 140 master's thesis projects and has authored three textbooks on orthodontics. Dr. Kim is an Active Member of the Angle Midwest Society. His clinical endeavors focus on the biomechanics of clear aligners and the development of surgical interventions for patients facing obstructive sleep apnea, highlighting his dedication to improving patient outcomes through innovative treatments.



MICHAEL LEE, DDS

Dr. Lee completed his dental education at the University of Minnesota, followed by orthodontic training at Saint Louis University. He is currently an assistant professor at Saint Louis University.



MIN KYEONG LEE, DMD, DMSc

Dr. Min Kyeong “Irene” Lee is an Associate Professor at UIC Department of Orthodontics. She received her dental and orthodontic trainings at Harvard School of Dental Medicine and completed a clinical fellowship in Craniofacial and Special Needs Orthodontics at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Dr. Lee is a big data analytics researcher with an interest in examining hospital-related outcomes using nationwide datasets.



JULIE McCRAY, DDS, MS

Dr. Julie F. McCray received a BS in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Iowa, and her DDS from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She received her Master of Science in Orthodontics degree from Saint Louis University. She owned a private practice in University City, Missouri, for 28 years and was a part-time clinical instructor at Saint Louis University for 17 years before becoming a full-time Associate Professor and Clinic Director in 2018.



MARY KAY MILLER

Mary Kay Miller is the CEO and owner of Kaleidoscope, which joined forces with Orthopreneur Internet Marketing in 2021. As the oldest privately-owned digital marketing agency in the orthodontic industry, Kaleidoscope clients benefit from Mary Kay's 25+ years of orthodontic experience. She's worn many hats, from business to marketing to treatment coordinator, giving her a unique and savvy edge in helping practices gain a competitive edge online.



MAYSAA OUBAIDIN, DDS, MS

Dr. Maysaa Oubaidin grew up in Aleppo, Syria. She earned her DDS degree from University of Aleppo College of Dental Medicine. Upon her graduation from her dental school she received Al-Bassel Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence and First Graduate. Dr. Oubaidin moved to United State right after her graduation to pursue her passion in orthodontics. She received her MS Oral Sciences and Orthodontic specialty certificate from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry. She worked in multiple research areas including CBCT, accelerating orthodontic tooth movement, bone biology, and microCT. She has returned to UIC Orthodontics Department as a full-time Associate Professor.



Flavio José Castelli Sanchez, DDS, MS

Dr. Flavio Sanchez is a distinguished dental professional with a rich academic background and extensive expertise in orthodontics. Graduating from the University of Campinas in Brazil in 1990, he finished his orthodontic specialization in 1995 and culminating in a Master's Degree in Orthodontics from Sao Leopoldo Mandic University - Brasil in 2007. Serving as a full-time assistant professor at the University of Illinois Chicago since 2017, Dr. Sanchez focuses on advanced areas of orthodontic research and practice. His major interests span biomechanics and biomaterials, early diagnostic and treatment planning utilizing personalized techniques, and cutting-edge research in Artificial Intelligence applications within orthodontics. Dr. Sanchez's career is marked by a commitment to innovation and excellence in orthodontic education and patient care.



SUMIT YADAV, BDS, MDS, MBA, PhD Dr. Sumit Yadav is a Professor and Chair of Department of Growth and Development at UNMC College of Dentistry. He is Henry and Anne Cech Endowed Professor of Orthodontics and a Board-Certified Orthodontist. He has published extensively and has more than 145 peer reviewed article. He has been funded through NIH and American Association of Orthodontic Foundation on Orthodontic Tooth Movement and Temporomandibular Joint Degeneration and Regeneration. He is also an Associate Editor of Progress in Orthodontics.