

ANNUAL SESSION 2026 THEMES

INNOVATION & TECH TALK

Attendees are eager to discover how our orthodontic specialty is evolving through the lens of technology and innovation.

Update knowledge on advances in clinical subject matter with a focus on new technology and appliances.

TARGET AUDIENCE(S)

Orthodontists & Team, collectively or independently

PRIORITY TOPIC NEEDS

- 3D Printing Technology
- Artificial Intelligence
 - Clinical Applications
 - Practice Management
- Custom Appliances
- Digital Workflow
- In-house Aligners

ADDITIONAL TOPICS OF INTEREST

- Cybersecurity
- Digital Indirect Bonding
- Innovative Clear Aligner Materials
- IT Hardware/Software

CLINICAL TECHNIQUES

Attendees are passionate about nurturing existing concepts, applications and techniques, while keeping abreast of advances in clinical subject matter.

(1) Update knowledge on advances in clinical subject matter with a focus on implementation of techniques and clinical applications.

(2) Review of existing concepts, techniques and applications.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Orthodontists

PRIORITY TOPIC NEEDS

- Aligner Options & Limitations
- Class II Treatment
- Class III Treatment
- Diagnosis & Treatment Planning
- Early Treatment
- TADs

ADDITIONAL TOPICS OF INTEREST

- 3D Printing Applications
- Clinical Pearls
- Custom Appliances
- Facial Esthetics
- Interdisciplinary Treatment

TARGET AUDIENCE

Clinical Team

PRIORITY TOPIC NEEDS

- Application of Orthodontic Appliances
- Safe Removal of Conventional Orthodontic Appliances & Bonded Correctors
- Intra-oral Scanning for Diagnosis & Treatment
- OSHA/Infection Control
- Soft Tissue Laser Procedures
- TADs

ADDITIONAL TOPICS OF INTEREST

- Basic Orthodontic Appliances
- Evaluating & Monitoring Clear Aligners & Retainers

SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES

Attendees are actively exploring the science and research that is advancing our orthodontic specialty forward.

(1) Update knowledge on advances in scientific subject matter.

(2) Peer-reviewed content supported by generally accepted scientific principles or methods that can be substantiated or supported with peer-reviewed scientific literature that is relevant and current.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Orthodontists

PRIORITY TOPIC NEEDS

- Craniofacial Care
- Expansion
- Impacted Teeth
- Sleep Apnea & Airway Management
- TMD Diagnosis & Treatment
- White Spot Lesions

ADDITIONAL TOPICS OF INTEREST

- 3D Printing Research
- Open Bite Treatment
- Orthognathic Surgery
- Retention
- Root Resorption
- Vertical Control

BUSINESS SUCCESS

Attendees are looking to implement efficient and effective practice management essentials to advance long-term success and stability.

Update knowledge on advances in non-clinical practice related subject matter with a focus on strengthening practice management skills.

TARGET AUDIENCE(S)

Orthodontists & Team, collectively or independently

PRIORITY TOPIC NEEDS

- Case Acceptance
- Customer Service
- Human Resources Management
 - Employee Recruitment & Retention
- Marketing
 - Social Media
 - Branding
- Profitability

ADDITIONAL TOPICS OF INTEREST

- Communication
 - Patient
- Conflict Resolution
 - Patient
- Finance & Accounting
- Practice Modalities & Transitions

PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Attendees are enthusiastic about cultivating personal growth and proactively seek out opportunities to enhance professional interpersonal relationships.

Update knowledge on advances in non-clinical practice related subject matter with a focus on strengthening core people skills.

TARGET AUDIENCE(S)

Orthodontists & Team, collectively or independently

PRIORITY TOPIC NEEDS

- Leadership
- Wellbeing
 - Mental
- Office Culture
- Teamwork
- Inspiration
- Motivation

ADDITIONAL TOPICS OF INTEREST

- Accountability
- Happiness

ENGAGE (Opening Keynote)

Attendees are excited to connect with peers and colleagues as a united community in support of our orthodontic specialty.

Update knowledge on advances in non-clinical practice related subject matter with a focus on strengthening emotional skills.

TARGET AUDIENCE(S)

All Attendees

PRIORITY TOPIC NEEDS

- Inspiration
- Leadership
- Motivation

CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION SUBJECT MATTER AREAS