



ABOUT THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS (AAO)

About the American Association of Orthodontists: The more than 18,000 members of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in the U.S., Canada and abroad are dedicated to helping children, teenagers and adults achieve healthy, beautiful smiles.

Founded in 1900, the AAO is the world's oldest and largest dental specialty organization. The Association encourages and sponsors key research to enable its members to provide the highest quality of care to patients, and is committed to educating the public about the need for, and benefits of, orthodontic treatment.

Orthodontists are uniquely qualified specialists who diagnose, prevent and treat dental and facial irregularities to correctly align teeth and jaws. After graduating from dental school and then completing the required two to three years of specialized education in an accredited orthodontic residency program, orthodontists are eligible for membership in the AAO.

For more information about orthodontics or to find AAO member orthodontists in your area, please visit mylifemysmile.org.