



Strategic Plan 2019-2024

Australian Society of Orthodontists



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About Us

The ASO helps patients understand their options for orthodontic treatment and provides information about the most qualified practitioners providing orthodontic care. The ASO only provides factual information about orthodontic treatment.

We rely on evidence-based best practice university and hospital research to act in the best interests of patient care. We have no interest in any company or product in the dental sector.

Since 1927, members of the ASO have been creating better smiles for Australians of all ages

The ASO is the largest dental specialist society in Australia and represents over 90% of all registered orthodontic specialists. The ASO is committed to supporting our members in their professional lives and advocating on their behalf and for the benefit of the orthodontic profession in Australia.

The Australian Society of Orthodontists:

- is committed to educating the public about orthodontic treatment
- is involved in teaching in all accredited orthodontic university-based courses in Australia
- funds orthodontic research to enable our members to provide the highest quality of care to patients through our Foundation for Research and Education
- provides ongoing orthodontic education to our members to ensure they are up-to-date with the latest scientific developments and research
- offers a unique peer review process for members to ensure best practice for orthodontists
- is proactive in donating orthodontic services through its charity arm, Give a Smile™
- publishes the Australasian Orthodontic Journal (AOJ), the only peer reviewed scientific orthodontic journal in Australia.

Strategic priorities

Advocacy and dental sector collaboration

Advocacy and collaboration

- The ASO is committed to advocating on behalf of its members on issues which impact orthodontists, their practices and the practice of orthodontics
- The ASO is committed to maintaining strong, collaborative relationships with all dental sector stakeholders

Corporate supporters

- The ASO acknowledges that the support of sponsors is vital to the ASO, its Foundation and members and these relationships positively impact the service delivered to members by the ASO

International ties

- The ASO recognises that having strong ties with similar international bodies enables the sharing of information and learning for the benefit of members and the sector

Public education

Promote evidence-based best practice orthodontic health and knowledge

- The ASO is committed to educating the public about:
 - the benefits of seeing an orthodontist as the most qualified professional for orthodontic care
 - when to see an orthodontist for orthodontic treatment
 - evidence-based orthodontic treatment
- The ASO is a strong advocate for evidence-based standards in orthodontic treatment

The role of orthodontists as specialist providers of orthodontic treatment

- The ASO continues to raise awareness of the unique role that orthodontists play as specialist providers in teeth straightening and jaw alignment

Member engagement

Member support

- The ASO is committed to providing its members with the support, tools and resources they need throughout their careers

Students and recent graduates

- The ASO recognises that our students and recent graduates are the future leaders of the ASO and critical to our ongoing success as an organisation

Member communications

- It is important that our members are engaged and invested in the activities of their peak body

The Foundation

- The Foundation plays a key role in continuing to advance knowledge and skills in orthodontic treatment and care in Australia via funding research, its awards and meetings

Research and education

Advancing knowledge and research

- The ASO is committed to supporting research to enable members to provide the highest quality care to patients using the latest technology

Preserving the profession as a specialty

- Orthodontists working in academia and maintaining a high standard of education are critical to ensuring the future of the profession

Member education and development

- The ASO is committed to providing useful continuing education meetings to ensure our members remain at the forefront of developments in the sector and are able to network and leverage the knowledge and experience of their colleagues

Strong organisation

Maintaining a strong ASO

- It is critical that the ASO has the right resources and capabilities to service its members and represent the profession in Australia



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