

Short Bio

1985 DDS University of Mainz, Germany

Since 1987 Private practice in Bolzano, Italy together with Dr. Lorenz Moser

1990 Active Member of the SIDO (Società di Ortodonzia Italiana)

1999 Diplomate of the Italian Board of Orthodontists (IBO)

2010 Specialty in Orthodontics, University of Ferrara, Italy

2010 Brainerd F. Swain Award of Excellence, Angle East (EHASO)

2011 Active Member of the EHASO (Angle East)

Since 2011 Visiting professor, Dep. of Orthodontics University of Ferrara, Italy

2012 President of the Accademia Italiana di Ortodonzia (AIdOr)

2019-2021 President Angle East (EHASO)

2023 Harvey Peck Award of Excellence (Angle East)

2024 Brainerd F. Swain Award of Excellence (Angle East)

2024 President Italian Society of Orthodontics (SIDO)

Since 2021 Adjunct Associate Professor, Dep. of Orthodontics, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Associate Editor Seminars in Orthodontics

Associate Editor Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry

Publications in peer-reviewed journals and chapters in orthodontic textbooks

Everyone Gets an Expander

Since 50 years rapid maxillary expansion has gained enormous momentum in clinical orthodontics. The current trend of prescribing either traditional tooth-borne expanders for preadolescent and miniscrew-assisted rapid palatal expansion (MARPE) devices is fuelled by questionable evidence of early expansion for prevention of later extractions, which are accused of causing temporomandibular joint dysfunction, breathing issues, and ruined smiles and soft-tissue profiles. These claims leave the practicing orthodontist with many questions, especially one: is maxillary expansion the new panacea in orthodontics? Let us take a closer look at the true and honest evidence regarding expectations and indications for maxillary expansion and the less popular alternatives. You might be surprised!