

MEMBERSHIP

I would be most interested in joining the Functional Orthodontic Support Group and enclose a brief summary of my Orthodontic experience and qualifications.

If accepted I am happy to send my joining fee of £1,000 which includes my first annual retention fee of £100.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

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SUBSCRIPTION FEES

The fee to join is £1,000 - to include the £100.00 first annual retention fee.

Note that the sum is used solely for administration costs, website inauguration and the fund for the recourse.

All Board Members give their services on a voluntary basis and are not paid.

For further details contact:

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The Functional Orthodontic Support Group

Website: www.fosg.com



AN INVITATION

To join in the formation of
THE FUNCTIONAL ORTHODONTIC SUPPORT GROUP 2005

It has probably not escaped your notice that dentists practising Functional Orthodontics and Orthopaedics are appearing before the General Dental Council and the Civil Courts with monotonous regularity.

The pattern which has emerged is that of a number of what one might term mainstream orthodontists disparaging the work of those who encourage growth guidance and early treatment, and those who try, where possible, to avoid extraction therapy and treat in a functional manner.

It is acknowledged that debate does exist, but a recent case at the General Dental Council occupied a total of fourteen days, reputedly the longest in the history of that Council. It has also been privately stated that a conspiracy does exist to discourage the General Dental Practitioner from practising along these lines.

It will be obvious to any dentist that this is neither beneficial to the image of dentistry in this Country nor to its progress. Furthermore it is confusing to patients.

So what positive action may be taken to counteract this? You are invited to join the Functional Orthodontic Support Group whose Mission Statement is set out opposite.

The Mission Statement is self-explanatory, but you will notice that as part of its remit there will be the power of challenge. For the price / investment of less than one case you will receive support and encouragement to practise this type of dentistry whilst building the fund to enable the challenge which will likely become necessary at some stage to counteract this situation.

Functional Orthodontics is widely practised in Europe and the United States. It should be noted that creation of a similar Society in the US with this power of recourse has virtually stopped such actions being brought.

Do please join us, it could be YOUR TURN next.

MISSION STATEMENT

FOR MEMBERS OF
THE FUNCTIONAL ORTHODONTIC SUPPORT GROUP

- ?? To promote the pursuit of excellence and ethics, and to address the need for co-operation and tolerance amongst colleagues for the benefit of the profession and the welfare of patients.
- ?? To provide a support and advice service for those dentists practising Functional Dentistry.
- ?? To provide a structured method for acceptable record-keeping.
- ?? To provide a protocol for the provision of records required for initial diagnosis.
- ?? To research the literature and to record the appropriate studies.
- ?? To provide advice to members regarding these studies when requested.
- ?? To work in close association with the British Society for the Study of Cranio-Mandibular Disorders (BSSCMD) on these aspects of diagnosis and protection.
- ?? To provide an avenue for challenge against those who instigate unfounded and unreasonable accusations of professional treatment.
- ?? To provide access to informed legal counsel.
- ?? To provide where possible a register of those prepared to act as expert witnesses.
- ?? To work in close liaison with and as an adjunct to the Dental Professional Bodies and the Protection and Dental Defence Organisations.
- ?? To develop dialogue with the orthodontic community as a whole.

DEFINITION OF FUNCTIONAL ORTHODONTICS

Treatment which allows the facial bones and associated structures to develop to a balanced relationship.

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