

IDEA Alumni Testimonials

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3-Year Program in Craniomandibular Orthodontics and Functional Occlusion: The Modern Approach to
any kind of Malocclusion, Dysfunction and Airway

"The course content is amazing; it feels like enlightenment! It is a paradigm shift in ideology. And the quality of the teaching is second to none, such advanced content delivered with such humility.

The whole team are amazing, so friendly and welcoming. It is a wonderful environment to learn in. Nothing is too much trouble. Thank you!"

Nicola Ritchie, General Practitioner, Maidwell, United Kingdom

"I admire the way Dr. Kraemer delivers her knowledge to us. She is very structured, precise, and generous. She reads your mind and can see where you are in the learning process. The lab experience is very effective to learn and to adopt the process."

Zeineb Kharouf, General Practitioner, Tunis, Tunisia

"Best instructors for diving in deep and becoming a master head and shoulders above the rest."

Alexander Chukreeff, General Practitioner, San Francisco, CA

"There are rare moments in my life where I learned something so profound that it brings tears to my eyes. There was a moment where Dr. Velasquez so eloquently explained the inner working of the human skull and how it relates to occlusion, just connected many dots for me.

I am so grateful for this opportunity to learn from those who are so passionate about the art and science of dentistry and how it affects the whole person."

Jenny Stevens, Prosthodontist, Honolulu, HI

"I am still at the beginning, but this course is exciting and promising. Nowhere I would learn how, why, and when to intervene in early childhood development to affect the overall growth and potential. Also, how to set up my cases pre-restoratively for stability with occlusion and function afterwards, and longevity of my patient's dentition."

Aleksandra Shaykova, General Practitioner, Lake Mary, FL



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"I wish I attended the courses at IDEA earlier."

PeiWei Hsu, General Practitioner, Taipei, Taiwan

"This program has been very eye opening. The material covered is something so important that it is shocking that we (as dentists) haven't been shown the importance of these concepts.

I am very eager to learn more, implement this in my practice and help my patients. The facility and staff are exceptional, and the speakers are excellent, friendly, and so knowledgeable."

Martha Iturriaga, General Practitioner, San Jose, CA

"This course teaches us 'trouble free' orthodontics. We can provide our patients not only good esthetics but most importantly, better quality of life by eliminating all these symptoms. Applying this concept in our practices sends the level of our service to the highest level."

Petros Kokkinos, Orthodontist, Limassol, Cyprus

"I would consider this program to be the best investment I have made in my practice. I am proud to expand my dental skills to orthodontics since I have realized that orthodontics became a fundamental cornerstone of my restorative / prosthetic practice.

It has changed my life and the lives of my patients. I've learned to treat patients I never thought that I could, and I've made life-long friends. The best ROI for any CE course that I have taken."

Cristina Herrera, General Practitioner, Los Gatos, CA

"This is not only an orthodontic course, but also it is the principles of dentistry taught by the best experts in their fields - I can't recommend this course enough to every dentist in the world. It enriches your professional life and benefits immensely your patients. Thank you."

Thuan-Anh Nguyen, General Practitioner, Wheaton, MD

"Everyone talks about ideal dental treatment. This is how it should be done."

Wade Lee, General Practitioner, Sunnyvale, CA

"The IDEA Orthodontic Program with Roberto Velasquez, Miles Guyton, Heike Kraemer, and Prof. Sato is not competing with conventional orthodontic treatment; it is a tremendous improvement over conventional orthodontic treatment.



Almost all the patients being treated at the IDEA Faculty Clinic – Center for Craniomandibular Dentistry and Occlusion Medicine have been treated previously with traditional orthodontics. They present us with headaches, TMJ pain, pain in their neck and shoulders, altered condylar morphology, and an occlusion (or better malocclusion) that is not stable. With our diagnostics and orthodontic treatment in Sato’s approach, the malocclusions are corrected, the condyles remodel, the occlusion is long term stable, and the patients’ symptoms are gone.”

Bob Lamb*, Periodontist and Founder of IDEA

“Learning the occlusion concept is crucial to our daily practice. Taking this orthodontic program is essential to reach our occlusion goals.”

Anh Khieu, General Practitioner, Tyrone, GA

"This program is eye opening and once you go back to practice, you can't unsee the dysfunction in so many of our current patient base. I'm excited to grow and learn how to better treat my patients"

Amy Yonemitsu, General Practitioner, San Francisco, CA

“I have always had a passion for occlusion, orthodontics, and growth & development in dentistry and have tried to dig deep to understand the complexities of what could be causing problems for my patients. While I have found great teachers and wisdom in the past, this course far surpasses anything I have previously learned.

Having Roberto Velasquez and Prof. Sato be able to incorporate their orthodontic concepts with Slavicek's diagnostics is the perfect package. I feel this course has been like no other in the singular focus on what is best for our patients and developing the doctor’s level of excellence in diagnostics and treatment.

I am thrilled to be able to serve and help my patients with the knowledge I have obtained.”

Michael Auld, General Practitioner, McAlester, OK

"This 3 year orthodontic program is the most exciting training on the Sato concept. Once you receive and digest the information about this treatment approach the 3 year ortho program clears up all the dust and the amount of information we get is mind blowing and extremely exciting.

After 21 years of private practice, this course made me feel professionally regenerated.”

Petros Kokkinos, Orthodontist, Limassol, Cyprus

"I feel so fortunate to have three fantastic mentors in Professor Sato, Heike Kraemer, and Roberto Velasquez. They were instrumental in changing my patient experience and treatment results.



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Thank you for providing answers to 20 years of questions. This program entirely changed the course of my practice. I can now comfortably treat complex cases with confidence.”

Miles Guyton, General Practitioner, San Jose, CA

“This course made me a much better dentist and human being. I can't practice the way I practiced before for me, this is the only way to practice if you want to call yourself a doctor.”

Namik Yusufov, General Practitioner, New York, NY

“Seeing is believing. If you take one course in your life, you must take this one. In my opinion Dr. Sato might be the greatest orthodontist alive today.”

Bas Wafelbakker Orthodontist, Gilroy, CA

“Great! I'm a new dentist!!! I do not retire because of this program. I have a new challenge for my life.

This time I was especially happy because I learned a lot of practical applications and continued to get a deeper understanding of the clinical problems.”

Karl Mueller-Bruckschwaiger, General Practitioner, Zwettl, Austria

“This orthodontic training gives me the ability to help my patients release TMJ pain. In addition, I understand the source of the problem and be able to provide the treatment to solve the problem.

Another area is the knowledge of functional occlusion, which has been such a confusing area for me. Now I can identify the occlusion and dysfunctional risk and I am able to help patients to prevent future dental disaster.

Most of all, the confidence to do the right thing starts making so much sense for me. I am able now to solve bigger problems which adds more value and years to my career as dentist.”

Jianghua Wang, General Practitioner, Culver City, CA

“This is the most important program for all practicing dentists - highly recommended.

My journey is delightful, and the learning experience is ongoing. It has provided me with a baggage of knowledge that will help me carry on my mission- taking good care of my patients!!!

If your desire is to be a better dentist providing optimal care to your patients, IDEA is the place to be. Intensive learning with outstanding speakers (Roberto, Heike, Professor Sato) who are ready to lead you on a long, satisfactory journey.

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO LEARN. **IDEA.**

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Thank you to Heike, Roberto and Professor Sato for teaching me to reach my goal and continue to perfect it.”

Anh Khieu, General Practitioner, Tyrone, GA

“Fabulous experience. Lot of help from everybody of the team. Special thanks to Professor Roberto for taking care of my patients. You are awesome Heike. Thank you for everything, I learned a lot.”

Anandhi Djegaradjane, General Practitioner, Menlo Park, CA

“I always enjoy coming back to IDEA to learn more. Professor Sato, Roberto, and Heike are so knowledgeable! This is easily the best concept and course in orthodontics that I have ever taken. I look forward to coming back and learning more!”

Marcus Kai, Orthodontist, San Jose, CA

"As a maxillofacial surgeon, I am so impressed after all the cases that I have done with orthognathic surgery, to see what is possible to treat with orthodontic treatment only. It's a miracle. I will change my way of practicing and that will help a lot of patients."

Quang-Phi Tran, Maxillofacial Surgeon, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam

“The level of knowledge and expertise that our professors have are probably the best in the world. The best part is what we learn is very useful to everyday practice and will probably benefit all my patients.

This class changed my life. Professor Sato and Heike have given me the missing link to creating a comprehensive way to help my patients have a healthy, perfect, functional bite.

Heike and Prof. Sato always teach me something new and mind-blowing every time I come. They make me a better dentist and help me sleep better at night. :)"

Pauline Puno, General Practitioner, San Francisco, CA

“I liked the hands-on on multi-loop wire bending; I loved reviewing cases of my colleagues. Plenty of good cases from multiple colleagues.

Thank you, Dr. Velasquez, Professor Sato, and Dr. Heike, for the excellent course. I feel very comfortable in examining, diagnosing, and treating complex dentition and TMJ patients. In the past, I would see these patients with trepidation. Now I enjoy figuring out these patients.”

Lowell Tan, General Practitioner, Gilroy, CA



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“The information we are provided here at IDEA by Prof. Sato is UNIQUE. I consider myself as one of the few lucky professionals who had the opportunity to attend Prof. Sato's course. It gave us a completely new perspective to how we should all diagnose and treat our patients.

Prof. Sato and the IDEA team teach occlusion and function-oriented orthodontics in relation to the craniomandibular system. A very accurate diagnosis, based on condylograph, cephalometrics and all this information transferred to articulator mounted casts is included in this course.

Once you step into it, I'm sure it will help you to set the standard of dental service you provide to the highest possible level!"

Petros Kokkinos, Orthodontist, Limassol, Cyprus