



WHAT DOES TAO STAND FOR?

The **Texas Association of Orthodontists** is a professional organization of specialists committed to maintaining the highest standards of orthodontic care for the benefit and well-being of our patients throughout the state of Texas. As an organization, we are dedicated to advocating for our members and providing services that benefit their pursuit of professional excellence.

Currently there are:

- 840 TAO members
- 552 Active Members
- 2 Foreign Trained Academic members
- 99 Life members
- 187 retired.

TAO is one of five components (Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and west Louisiana) of the Southwest Society of Orthodontists (SWSO) which is a constituent of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). To become a TAO member, an orthodontist has to complete an AAO membership application.

TAO BOARD MEMBERS

The 2019-2020 Board members are:

- President - Dr. Matthew Ng
- President-elect - Dr. Catharine Borders
- Vice-President - Dr. Chris Cramer
- Secretary-Treasurer - Dr. Andrea Font
- Immediate Past President - Dr. Omar Issa
- Director - Dr. John Wise
- Director - Dr. Enrique Cruz
- Director - Dr. Ken Fischer
- Director - Dr. Michael Robertson
- Executive Director - Cindy Metcalf

This Board has to be voted on at the 2019 membership meeting on Friday, November 15, 2019.

PICTURE



MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS



Dr. Omar Issa

Dr. Issa loves the ever-evolving field of orthodontics and technology that represents the state-of-the-art care that his practice is known for. When he's not chair-side with patients, you'll find Dr. Issa still devoted to his orthodontic specialty. Dr. Issa believes it's his responsibility to stay on top of the latest ways to provide great treatment to his patients.

He was born in Dover New Hampshire, he completed a General Dentistry Residency at Cairo University Hospital. He received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery, Master of Science and completed a Graduate Residency in Dentistry at The University of Minnesota School of Dental Medicine before entering and completing the Orthodontic Residency Program for his Certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. Dr. Issa has completed his certification by the American Board of Orthodontists.

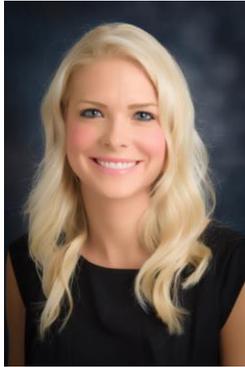
Dr. Issa is also an athlete in his down-time; soccer, tennis and squash are all favorite sports that suit his high-energy personality.



Dr. Matthew Ng

Dr. Matthew Ng completed his undergraduate (BSc) and dental education (DMD) at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada. He went on to pursue his orthodontic education (MSD) at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Ng is a Board-Certified orthodontist in both the USA and Canada as a Diplomate of the American Board of

Orthodontics and a Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists in Canada. Dr. Ng is an active member in the profession as a Past President of the British Columbia Dental Specialists Society and currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Orthodontists and Southwestern Society of Orthodontists. He is also a proud member of the Southwest Component of the prestigious Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. Dr. Ng is humbled to lecture at a number of orthodontic residencies as a Guest Speaker and gives lectures domestically and internationally as a speaker for American Orthodontics. In his spare time, he is an active member of his local church and spending time with his lovely wife and two young sons. Dr. Ng maintains his private practice in Cypress and Katy, TX.



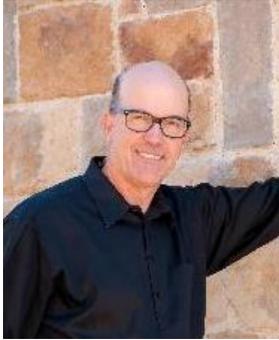
Catharine Borders

Dr. Catharine Borders chose to become an orthodontist to create beautiful smiles for her patients that will give them the confidence and self-esteem to smile and brighten the day of those around them. She graduated valedictorian from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry where she received her Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree. After dental school, she attended residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry receiving her Certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics and Masters of Science in Dentistry. Dr. Borders served as chief resident during her residency and currently serves as a part-time professor of orthodontics at UT-Houston dental school. Dr. Borders is a board-certified orthodontist. Dr. Borders is involved in many professional orthodontic and dental organizations. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, Southwestern Society of Orthodontists, among others. As a native Kentuckian, Dr. Borders has a passion for thoroughbred horse racing, especially the Kentucky Derby. She and her husband, Brandon, are diehard University of Kentucky basketball fans.



Dr. Chris Cramer

Dr. Chris Cramer worked 13 years as a mechanical engineer with Motorola before earning his DDS and certificate in orthodontics from Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. His master's research studying the effect of micro osteoperforations on the speed of tooth movement was recognized by the AAO with the Harry S. Sicher Award and published in the AJO-DO. Dr. Cramer began his service to the TAO Board during residency as a Student Member at Large and continued as a Director immediately after residency. Now a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, Dr. Cramer is in private practice in Denton and Krum, Texas and lives just outside of Dallas with his wife and twin daughters.



Dr. John Wise

He has been a practicing orthodontist since 1992 after his graduation from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. Prior to that, he practiced general dentistry in a small town, Texas- Celina and Pilot Point. He has been a member of organized dentistry since 1987 and went through the leadership ladder in the North Texas Dental Society serving as President in 2001-2002. He co-founded and was chairman of the Rite to Smile Golf Classic and helped raise over \$200,000 for charity during the event's run. He was also President of his orthodontic alumni association and participated in the SWSO Leadership training in 2016. From 2017-2019, He has worked on the Sleep Apnea Task Force organized by the AAO. He helped author the recommendations and plan the symposium. He has been a speaker at local study clubs, dental society meetings and SWSO annual meetings. An avid golfer and gardener, you'll find him working the land or working a cut shot on the links. Either way, he loves the outdoors and loves his profession.



Dr. Andrea Font Rytzner

Dr. Andrea Font grew up Palma de Mallorca, an island off the coast of Spain in the Mediterranean Sea. She graduated dental school from University Complutense of Madrid after finishing an exchange year in Ludwig Maximillians University in Munich, Germany. Dr. Font continued her education at Case Western Reserve University where she obtained her Masters Degree and completed a three year specialty Orthodontic program. Dr. Font's greatest hobbies include traveling, hiking, cooking and playing the guitar. San Antonio weather reminds Dr. Font of her hometown in Spain.



Dr. Enrique Cruz

Dr. Enrique Cruz is originally from Juchitán, Oaxaca, Mexico. He immigrated to the United States soon after graduating and continued his studies at the University of Indiana. In 2012, he graduated with his master's degree in Dental Sciences with a double specialization in Periodontics and in Orthodontic and Dentofacial Genetics.

Dr. Cruz along with his wife Dr. Mahya Farnia, founded Sonrisas Dental Center in the Cedar Park area of Austin, TX on May of 2014. Their main focus is offering their patients an amazing service and care in a multispecialty environment. He is also a professor of orthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio, where he emphasizes the importance of the relation between Periodontics and Orthodontics to treat complex cases in an interdisciplinary way.

On weekends and his personal time, he loves being with his family. He has two beautiful daughters and one son. He is also active in the community and encourages kids to pursue an education through the Sonrisas Foundation, which he and his wife have founded.



Dr. Ken Fischer

In addition to being in private practice as an orthodontic specialist in Villa Park, CA since 1975, Dr. Fischer has served his community and profession in many ways:

- Member, Past President, and Distinguished Service Award winner of the California Association of Orthodontists
- Member and Past President of the Orange County Dental Society
- 2016-17 Chair of the Council on Communication of the American Association of Orthodontists
- Past President of the Rotary Club of Villa Park
- Forensic Odontologist for the Orange County Sheriff's Department
- Consultant and Expert Witness for the Dental Board of California
- Author of a number of articles published in professional journals

"Only an Orthodontic Specialist is educationally qualified to provide comprehensive orthodontic treatment."



Dr. Michael Robertson

He believes that the only way to achieve excellence in life is through being committed to hard work. He graduated from Texas A&M University number one in the College of Science. He received orthodontic training at Houston and was Chief Resident and President of the orthodontic class.

He is a board-certified orthodontist and holds Diplomate status with The American Board of Orthodontics. This is a distinction that only one in every three orthodontists achieves.

He is a native Texan, having attended Lamar High school in Arlington, Texas in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. He's married to Sarai, and we have two boys who are the biggest blessings of their life.



Cindy Metcalf

Cindy Metcalf is the current Executive Director for the Texas Association of Orthodontists and has been with them since October 2011. She found her love for orthodontics as an adult in orthodontic therapy and entered a dental assisting program at a local community college while in treatment. She worked chairside for the first few years and then moved into the front office arena, quickly moving to office manager. She served 29 years in the specialty profession

before moving to Executive Director duties for several dental organizations.

She resides in Tulsa, OK with her husband, John, of 44 years. They enjoy motorcycle riding on their Honda Goldwing trike and traveling in general, and Cindy is an avid trail runner, competing in several trail races a year.