



Western Pennsylvania Association of Orthodontists Report

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“We are now six years post–COVID, and the way we pursue and obtain continuing education as orthodontists has evolved significantly. In 2026, the Pennsylvania Association of Orthodontists (PAO) Board set out to provide Pennsylvania orthodontists, their teams, and residents with a meaningful in-person event focused on the latest technological advancements shaping our profession.

On Friday, April 10, 2026, we were fortunate to welcome Dr. Lisa Alvetro to The Westin Pittsburgh, where she spent the day with 55 attendees presenting *“Optimizing Your Orthodontic Practice: Technology for Clinical, Operational, and Patient-Centered Success.”* Dr. Alvetro has a remarkable gift for presenting the most exciting innovations in orthodontics in a humble, practical, and easily digestible manner. It was an exceptionally informative day, and we all left with countless pearls to implement in our practices.

The PAO Board looks forward to continuing our outreach and awareness efforts with the five orthodontic residency programs in our state—Penn, Temple, Einstein, Seton Hill, and Pitt—through ongoing lunch-and-learn sessions. Additionally, we encourage residents to apply for the David Hamilton Award for Outstanding Resident Research, which is open to all orthodontic residents in Pennsylvania.

We have tentatively scheduled our next continuing education meeting for Friday, April 16, 2027 in Pittsburgh, as we continue building meaningful in-person events that strengthen and advance our profession across Pennsylvania. Stay tuned for additional details!”

Respectfully Submitted,

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