



# 2026 EMEA Orthodontic Symposium

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# Program



**Thursday, May 21, 2026**

## For SureSmile® Doctors

**1:00 - 5:00 PM**    **Digital Lab 1:1 - Optional Session**

### SureSmile Digital Lab Team

Reserve your spot for an optional 1:1 session with our digital lab experts. Advance sign-up required.

#### Description:

- Designated Digital Lab Technicians are available for in-person discussions.
- Actionable feedback to refine case submissions for better outcomes
- Customize doctor preferences to reduce rejections and improve efficiency

## For Doctors Onboarding

**1:00 - 5:00 PM**    **SureSmile Ortho Onboarding – Optional Session**

### Jessica Driver

If you are new to SureSmile Ortho platform, take advantage of this optional onboarding session. Our experts will guide you through key workflows to help you set up and review your cases efficiently. Advance sign-up required.

**1:00 - 1:30 PM**    **SureSmile® Ortho – Workflow: Software Navigation**

This lecture will discuss SureSmile ortho platform software navigation, including managing tasks, resolving holds, setting user preferences, and assigning users to improve.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate key navigation functions within SureSmile ortho software, including task management, resolving case holds, and organizing workflow queues.
- Review administrative features such as user preferences, role assignments, and account management to support coordinated clinical operations.

**1:30 - 2:15 PM**

### SureSmile® Ortho – Workflow: Therapeutic Model Reviews and MACROS

This lecture will cover Therapeutic Model Reviews and MACROS prescription form completion to ensure accurate setup, clear instructions, and efficient treatment planning from the start.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Outline the steps for submitting orthodontic cases and completing MACROS prescription forms within SureSmile ortho software.
- Discuss best practices for providing accurate instructions and documentation to support treatment planning and case setup.

**2:15 - 3:00 PM**

### SureSmile Ortho – Workflow: Set-up and Staging

This lecture will guide users in reviewing case setup and staging, evaluating treatment options, and selecting the ordering option best suited for your practice.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Review case setup and staging procedures within SureSmile ortho, including evaluation of treatment options and sequencing considerations.
- Discuss factors influencing the selection of ordering options to align case planning with practice workflows and clinical goals.

**3:00 - 4:00 PM**

### SureSmile® Ortho Software Workflow: DIY

This session reviews the do-it-yourself workflow within SureSmile ortho Software, focusing on case setup, prescription input, and digital treatment planning steps.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Outline the step-by-step workflow for creating, modifying, and approving digital setups within the SureSmile ortho Software platform.
- Discuss key considerations when adjusting tooth movements, staging, and prescriptions to align digital plans with clinical intent.



4:00 - 5:00 PM

**SureSmile® Ortho Software Workflow: Indirect Bonding (IDB)**

This lecture will demonstrate the IDB workflow, including bracket setup review, tray planning, approval steps, and order decisions for indirect bonding execution.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Describe the steps of the IDB workflow in SureSmile ortho, including bracket setup review, tray planning, and approval processes.
- Discuss considerations for order submission and execution of indirect bonding to ensure accurate appliance delivery and clinical coordination.

6:00 PM

**Welcome Reception at the nhow hotel restaurant**

Join us as the Symposium gets underway — meet peers, network, and experience the latest in digital orthodontics.

**Friday, May 22, 2026**

8:00 - 8:30 AM

**Opening Session**

**SureSmile Leadership & Clinical Affairs**

Experience a day dedicated to advancing digital precision and efficiency in orthodontics. Dive into sessions on robotically bent wires, digital case planning, and managing complex interdisciplinary cases. Engage in hands-on workshops designed to enhance workflows and deliver excellent patient experiences.

8:30 - 9:30 AM

**Dentofacial Orthopedics in the Era of Digital Orthodontics**

**Dr. Sunil Hirani**

Dr. Sunil Hirani will talk about how digital tools influence dentofacial orthopedic diagnosis and treatment planning in class II patients, integrating orthopedic devices with SureSmile® robotically bent wires and clinical decision-making.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Describe the diagnostic considerations for growing patients requiring dentofacial orthopedic intervention and evaluate how digital tools contribute to treatment planning and case assessment.
- Examine the integration of orthopedic appliances with digitally designed and robotically bent wires including sequencing and clinical decision-making factors.

9:30 - 10:00 AM

**Coffee Break**

10:00 - 11:00 AM

**TADs, Anchorage and Beyond - Advancing the Limits of Aligners**

**Dr. Pedro Sousa**

Dr. Pedro Sousa will explore how temporary anchorage devices (TADs) expand aligner biomechanics, enabling advanced anchorage control, complex tooth movements, and treatment solutions beyond conventional aligner limitations.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Review the biomechanical principles of TADs and their application in conjunction with clear aligner therapy for anchorage control and complex tooth movement.
- Discuss clinical considerations for incorporating TADs into aligner treatment planning, including case selection, force systems, and management of movements that present limitations with aligners alone.



**11:00 - 12:00 PM Digital Ortho-Implant Workflow**

**Dr. Agata Carvalho**

Dr. Agata Carvalho will talk about a streamlined ortho-implant workflow, from digital planning and placement to force application, biomechanics, and complication management.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Outline the clinical steps involved in an ortho-implant workflow, including digital planning, placement protocols, and timing of force application.
- Discuss biomechanical considerations and potential complications associated with orthodontic implant use, including strategies for monitoring and clinical management.

**12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM Surgical Cases with SureSmile® Robotically Bent Wires**

**Dr. Antonella Maselli & Dr. Maria Antonietta Lucci**

Dr. Antonella Maselli & Dr. Maria Lucci will focus on managing the use of SureSmile robotically bent wires in surgical cases, focusing on digital planning, customized biomechanics, and interdisciplinary coordination in complex treatment scenarios.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Describe the role of digital planning and robotically bent wires in the management of orthodontic cases requiring surgical intervention.
- Discuss interdisciplinary considerations in surgical-orthodontic treatment, including biomechanical planning, sequencing, and coordination between the orthodontist and surgical team.

**2:00 - 2:30 PM**

**Virtual Wire Bends for Seamless Chairside Modifications**

**Rhonda Roberts**

Rhonda Roberts will demonstrate the use of virtual wire bends for chairside modifications, focusing on digital customization, biomechanical adjustments, and integration into contemporary fixed appliance workflows.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Describe the principles of virtual wire bending and its application for chairside modifications within fixed appliance treatment.
- Discuss biomechanical considerations and workflow integration when incorporating digital wire adjustments into contemporary orthodontic practice.

**2:30 - 3:00 PM**

**Coffee Break**

**3:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Treating Complex Cases with Aligners**

**Dr. Alessandro Gianolio**

Dr. Alessandro Gianolio will explore strategies for treating complex orthodontic cases with aligners, focusing on diagnosis, biomechanics, staging, and clinical decision-making illustrated through real-world clinical scenarios.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Analyze diagnostic findings and biomechanical considerations relevant to the management of complex orthodontic cases with clear aligner therapy.
- Discuss staging strategies and clinical decision-making processes in aligner treatment, using real-world case scenarios to illustrate planning and execution considerations.



4:00 - 4:30 PM

### **SureSmile® Aligners Workflows - Full Service and DIY**

**Rhonda Roberts**

Rhonda Roberts will review and compare SureSmile aligner full service and DIY workflows, outlining key steps, clinical responsibilities, digital planning differences, and best practices for successful case execution and patient outcomes.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Compare the clinical and digital workflows of SureSmile aligner full service and DIY models, including key steps, provider responsibilities, and planning processes.
- Identify clinical considerations and decision-making factors when selecting and implementing either workflow within an orthodontic practice.

4:30 - 5:00 PM

### **Treatment Planning and Diagnostic Simulations**

**Rhonda Roberts, Dr. Joao Durigon, Dr. Talha Mubeen**

This workshop will explore treatment planning strategies and diagnostic simulations, focusing on case evaluation, planning and moving teeth virtually, and optimizing clinical outcomes by leveraging all available digital planning tools.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Review the components of digital case evaluation and treatment planning within SureSmile, including the use of diagnostic simulations and virtual tooth movement tools.
- Discuss clinical considerations when interpreting and adjusting digital treatment plans, including sequencing, biomechanics, and alignment with overall treatment objectives.

6:00 PM

### **Networking Dinner at Allegrio restaurant in Via Vittorio Veneto**

Come together to close out the day with great company, conversation and connection.

## **Saturday, May 23, 2026**

8:00 - 8:30 AM

### **Recap Session**

#### **SureSmile Clinical Affairs**

Reconnect with the most impactful takeaways from expert-led discussions, case presentations, and digital workflows explored during the first day. Reflect on best practices, reinforce learning around complex orthodontic treatments, and gain clear, actionable perspectives to confidently apply innovative digital solutions in daily practice.

8:30 - 9:30 AM

### **Managing Impacted Canines with Clear Aligners**

**Dr. Vinicius Schau**

Dr. Vinicius Schau will cover diagnosis, biomechanics, and staging strategies for managing impacted canines with clear aligners, emphasizing interdisciplinary planning, and risk management.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Review diagnostic approaches and biomechanical principles for managing impacted canines using clear aligner therapy.
- Discuss staging strategies, interdisciplinary considerations, and risk management when planning and executing treatment for impacted canines.

9:30 - 10:00 AM

### **Coffee Break**



10:00-11:00 AM

### **Bringing Invisible Orthodontics to Life**

#### **Dr. Asif Chatoo**

Dr. Asif Chatoo will explore hybrid treatment approaches combining lingual braces and clear aligners, focusing on case selection, biomechanics, sequencing, and clinical integration of invisible orthodontic techniques.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Examine case selection criteria and biomechanical considerations for hybrid orthodontic approaches combining lingual braces and clear aligners.
- Discuss sequencing and clinical integration strategies to effectively incorporate invisible orthodontic techniques into treatment planning and execution.

11:00-12:00 PM

### **Cost Efficiency and Digital Orthodontics**

#### **Speaker Discussion Forum, Clinical Affairs**

12:00-1:00 PM

### **Lunch**

1:00-1:30 PM

### **Why Complex Cases Need a Hybrid Approach (Presentation)**

#### **Dr. Talha Mubeen**

Dr. Talha Mubeen will discuss why certain complex cases benefit from a hybrid approach, examining diagnostic considerations, biomechanical challenges, and the integration of aligners with fixed appliances.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Examine case selection criteria and biomechanical considerations for hybrid orthodontic approaches combining lingual braces and clear aligners.
- Discuss sequencing and clinical integration strategies to effectively incorporate invisible orthodontic techniques into treatment planning and execution.

1:30-2:30 PM

### **Case Selection and Workflows with Hybrid Orthodontics (Presentation)**

#### **Dr. Sunil Hirani**

Dr. Sunil Hirani will review case selection criteria and clinical workflows for hybrid orthodontics, highlighting the integration of aligners and fixed appliances within comprehensive treatment planning.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Examine criteria for selecting cases suitable for hybrid orthodontic treatment, including clinical and diagnostic considerations.
- Discuss workflows for integrating clear aligners and fixed appliances within comprehensive treatment planning and execution.

2:30-3:00 PM

### **Coffee Break**

3:00-4:00 PM

### **Advanced Diagnostics and Digital Workflows for a Hybrid Approach (Hand's on and Demonstration)**

#### **Dr. Joao Durigon, Rhonda Roberts**

The speakers will provide a step-by-step walkthrough of the SureSmile hybrid ordering workflow, focused on how to submit a hybrid order from selecting the correct case type through final case submission.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Demonstrate the step-by-step process for submitting a hybrid orthodontic order in SureSmile, from case type selection to final submission.
- Review key considerations for accurate setup and documentation to ensure proper workflow execution in hybrid cases.

4:00 – 4:30 PM

### **Closing Remarks and Takeaways**

Our closing session brings us together to reflect on shared accomplishments, collaboration, and innovation that continues to shape the future of digital orthodontics. Join us as we look ahead to advancing patient care and driving excellence in every practice.

# Host Speakers



## Dr. Ágata Carvalho (Portugal)

Specialist Orthodontist with expertise in digital orthodontics, aligner therapy and multidisciplinary rehabilitation. She co-founded CMEB Advanced Oral Clinic, where she applies a fully digital workflow for predictable orthodontic care, and DOC – Digital Ortho Consulting, a mentoring platform focused on aligner-based treatment. A Dentsply Sirona Key Opinion Leader, she has played a key role in the development and education of SureSmile across Europe and Brazil and is a frequent international speaker.



## Dr. Asif Chatoo (England)

Graduated in Dentistry from King's College London before completing a Master's in Orthodontics and earning specialist membership with the Royal College of Surgeons in 2001. He founded The London Lingual Orthodontic Clinic, the UK's first clinic dedicated exclusively to lingual braces. A Dentsply Sirona Key Opinion Leader, international lecturer, and PEERS board member, his work focuses on patient-centered care and the advancement of digital orthodontics.



## Dr. Alessandro Gianolio (Italy)

Graduated in Dentistry from the University of Messina and specialized in Orthodontics at the University of Cagliari. He practices exclusively in Orthodontics and Pedodontics in Piedmont and Lombardy. He has extensive postgraduate training and is a frequent national and international speaker. A SureSmile Key Opinion Leader, he holds academic appointments at several Italian universities, is actively involved in scientific societies, and contributes to orthodontic research and education.



## Dr. Sunil Hirani (England)

Triple board-certified Orthodontist and founder of a leading specialist referral clinic in Milton Keynes, UK, widely recognized for the management of complex orthodontic cases. His practice focuses on clear aligner therapy, lingual and labial orthodontics, and challenging cases requiring skeletal anchorage and TAD-based biomechanics. Has received national recognition for clinical excellence, including the British Orthodontic Society's Maurice Berman Award. A sought-after international speaker, he regularly lectures at major global orthodontic congresses and delivers hands-on training programs.

# Host Speakers



## Dr. Maria Antonietta Lucci (Italy)

Graduated in Dentistry from the University of Ferrara with 110 laude. She has practiced orthodontics with a particular focus on lingual orthodontics. She held an academic appointment at the University of Ferrara, contributing to undergraduate and postgraduate orthodontic education. A past President of the Italian Society of Lingual Orthodontics and a founding member of the Italian Academy of Orthodontics. Has been actively involved in the development of lingual and digital orthodontics. Her recent clinical work has focused on 3D technologies and digitally driven treatment planning. Has worked with SureSmile since 2015, and is a frequent speaker at national and international congresses.



## Dr. Antonella Maselli (Italy)

Graduated with honors in Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics in Rome. She later obtained her Orthodontics specialization, also with honors, from the University of Ferrara, and achieved the Italian Board of Orthodontics Diploma of Excellence. With more than 30 years of orthodontic experience across hospital settings, academia, and private practice in Catanzaro and Rome, Dr. Maselli has been at the forefront of digital orthodontics in Italy. A student of Prof. Rohit Sachdeva, she was the first orthodontic specialist in Italy to adopt the SureSmile system, integrating 3D computerized robotic technology. An active researcher and speaker, her work focuses on advanced 3D technologies and customized orthodontic treatment.



## Dr. Vinicius Schau (Portugal)

Vinicius is a Specialist in Orthodontics, having completed his specialization at the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro. With over 20 years of exclusive orthodontic practice, he has been working with aligners since 2005. Dr. Schau utilizes his own technique with SureSmile aligners in his practice. He is also a Professor at the European Postgraduate Center in Portugal, where he shares his expertise in orthodontics with the next generation of dental professionals.



## Dr. Pedro Sousa (Portugal)

Exclusive orthodontist with a strong focus on aligner-based treatment and comprehensive orthodontic care. With extensive experience diagnosing and treating malocclusions and dentofacial discrepancies, Dr. Sousa is known for developing customized treatment plans that balance biomechanics, aesthetics, and patient comfort. An international speaker and Key Opinion Leader for major dental brands, he lectures on clinical protocols and predictable outcomes in aligner therapy. As a recognized Key Opinion Leader for leading dental brands including Dentsply Sirona and GC Orthodontics, he actively contributes to clinical education, product strategy, and the advancement of orthodontic solutions.

# Speakers



## Jessica Driver

Jessica is a SureSmile Clinical Education Manager at Dentsply Sirona with 22 years of orthodontic experience. She spent 14 years as a chairside orthodontic assistant in a SureSmile practice before joining Dentsply Sirona. In her current role, she leads a global team of trainers delivering SureSmile education for both internal teams and customers.



## Dr. Joao Durigon

Joao earned his BDS from the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul in 2013, followed by a Residency in Public Health in 2016. He then moved to the UK where he obtained a MSc in Dental Public Health from King's College London.

As a Product Specialist for Orthodontics at Dentsply Sirona (UK & Ireland), Joao is an expert in dental solutions with a strong international background.



## Dr. Talha Mubeen

Talha has over a decade of experience in digital orthodontics and clinical education, combining research with hands-on practice to enhance patient care. He began his career in Pakistan before moving to the UK, where he earned his Membership in Orthodontics from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and an MSc in craniofacial biology from King's College London. He later completed a PhD at the Georgia Institute of Technology. At SureSmile, Dr. Mubeen applies his clinical and academic expertise to evidence-based product development and supports clinicians in adopting digital technologies while maintaining core orthodontic principles.



## Rhonda Roberts

Rhonda has over 20 years of experience in the dental industry, with 18 years dedicated to digital orthodontics at SureSmile. She started in the Digital Lab, gaining strong expertise in the digital workflow from scan data to treatment planning and quality control. She later joined the SureSmile Training Team, supporting practices through live and virtual education. For the past seven years, Rhonda has been part of the Global Clinical Education Team, developing standardized training and supporting teams worldwide.



### About the Location

The event will be held at Hotel nhow Roma Vittorio Veneto located at Corso d'Italia, 1, 00198 Roma RM Italy

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