INCREASINGLY, well-informed parents are forcing the agenda and generating momentum towards non-invasive orthodontic treatment techniques. Rather than consent to the knowledge their children’s teeth may be damaged during a course of traditional treatment and most likely relapse afterwards, they are seeking out more stable as well as earlier preventive options.

To satisfy this demand Myofunctional Research Co. (MRC) has developed an extensive range of appliance, educational and clinical management systems, which offer parents earlier and more natural treatment options as well as provide the dental profession with a new dimension in profitable practice management.
THREE in four 21st Century children will develop a malocclusion and often parents, as well as the dental professionals advising them, attribute the cause to hereditary factors where overly large teeth cannot fit into small jaws. However, rather than blame bad genetics for crooked teeth, modern research has produced evidence that points to other causes. Malocclusion does not occur by chance and the most up to date evidence reveals the majority of orthodontic problems are the result of incorrect jaw development caused by upper airway compromise or myofunctional dysfunction. Additionally, the medical profession has recognised the prevalence as well as the detrimental health effects of upper airway dysfunction in modern children, which MRC has identified as a major cause of malocclusion.

MRC’s Myofunctional Orthodontic treatment systems recognises that correcting upper airway compromise and myofunctional dysfunction assists to unlock a child’s potential for natural growth and development. As well as offering the potential for early preventive pre-orthodontic treatment, myofunctional orthodontics can decrease the severity of malocclusion and often prevent the need for traditional extraction and fixed braces techniques.

To cater to the growing parental demand for modern orthodontic techniques, The Myobrace System™ has packaged parent and patient education, habit correction, arch expansion and dental alignment into one integrated system that is easily implemented for better dental and facial growth.

In order to make this system accessible to the dental profession, MRC has produced a series of courses designed to teach practitioners how to recognise and correctly diagnose the causes of malocclusion and poor craniofacial growth in growing children then how to create an apply an effective treatment plan to address these causes. Integral elements of these courses are the components dealing with MRC’s parent and patient educational systems, which are designed to ensure immediate acceptance of the treatment and a level of patient compliance necessary to obtain optimal results, often without having to utilise traditional extraction and braces techniques.
Regular Presenters

**Dr Rohan Wijey**  
B Oral H (Dent Sci), Grad. Dip. Dent. O.M. - General Dentist

After completing dentistry at Griffith University (Qld, Australia), Dr Wijey undertook formal myofunctional education (Colorado, USA) and gained qualification as an orofacial myologist from the International Association of Orofacial Myology (IAOM). Dr Wijey joined MRC in 2007 and has since taken charge of the company’s training program and delivered MRC courses to thousands of dental professionals worldwide. Dr Wijey has also produced articles for leading dental, pediatric and orthodontic journals regarding the aetiology of malocclusion, Class III treatment, early intervention and Myofunctional Orthodontics.

**Course Topics**
- Diagnosis and treatment planning.
- *The Farrell Bent Wire System™* (BWS™) fabrication and application.

**Dr Daniel Hanson**  
BDS UK - General Dentist

Dr Hanson developed a passion for all forms of early interceptive orthodontics while running a busy private practice on the Gold Coast (Qld, Australia). After working closely with MRC CEO Dr Chris Farrell and learning MRC’s treatment systems under his guidance, Dr Hanson moved to exclusively using MRC treatment modalities. Additionally, Dr Hanson facilitates breathing training programs for dental and non-dental clients to help reduce symptoms of obstructive sleep apnoea, asthma and allergies. Dr Hanson is a fully qualified breathing educator (BIBH) and also studies nutrition at the Australasian College of Nutrition and Environmental Medicine (ACNEM). He has lectured to audiences from the dental profession as well as other health fields throughout Australia, New Zealand as well as the UK and is an integral member of the MRC clinical and lecturing teams. Dr Hanson has had articles published in several dental publications.

**Course Topics**
- Categorisation, management and treatment of upper airway dysfunction.
- Role of nutrition and lifestyle.
- Educating parents.
- Introductory options for treating snoring and obstructive sleep apnoea.

**Ingrid Seibert**  
O.M., B Oral Health (Dent Ther) - Orofacial Myologist, Oral Health Therapist

Ms Seibert graduated as an oral health therapist from Griffith University (Qld, Australia in 2009). Since achieving her qualification, she has been primarily involved in pediatric dentistry with her focus on a holistic approach. Seeing a large amount of children with a developing malocclusion prompted Ms Seibert to investigate more preventive forms of orthodontic treatment, which focused on the causes of malocclusion rather than the symptoms. In 2010 Ms Seibert obtained her qualification as an orofacial myologist and continued to research methods for early treatment of malocclusion before joining MRC in 2011. Originally coming from Brazil, Ms Seibert has shared her knowledge and clinical experience with Brazilian and South American dental professionals during lectures in Brazil.

**Course Topics**
- *Myobrace®* procedures.
- Effective use of the parent education CD.
- *Myobrace®* Activities.
- How to communicate with parents and patients to achieve positive outcomes.
- Fee structure.
Courses

In order to effectively present the large amount material practitioners will require to gain understanding of the myofunctional orthodontics and The Myobrace System™, MRC has produced a series of three courses. These courses can be customised to suit individual practitioners, as well as their staff, and include components focused on:

- Information regarding the basics of myofunctional orthodontics.
- More advanced case management and trouble shooting.
- Treating TMJ disorder.
- Correcting posture and upper airway compromise for better health and natural development.

Course Agenda

- MRC – 25 years developing and promoting myofunctional orthodontics globally.
- Limitations of traditional orthodontics.
- Identifying the underlying causes of malocclusion – evaluation and diagnosis.
- Upper airway dysfunction and dysfunctional breathing – how it effects overall health.
- Myofunctional Orthodontics – treating the causes rather than the symptoms of malocclusion with The Myobrace System™.
- Making myofunctional orthodontics work for you.
- Effectively educating parents and patients to achieve consistent results.

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