



Dr. Aram Mohajeri, or Ari as patients call him, graduated in 1993 with a DDS Degree and earned his Canadian Dental Board requirements in 1999. He practiced dentistry in remote areas for 3 years, where he voluntarily provided dental services to people in great need. He then pursued and completed a three-year specialty program in Orthodontics. Shortly after, he moved to Toronto where he attended and received his certification at the University of Toronto, Department of Orthodontics. Moreover, Ari is a fellow at the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. Dr. Mohajeri is a strong believer in continuing education and life-long learning for himself and his Dollarton Dental team. He has taken extensive courses in various aspects of dentistry including cosmetic dentistry and dental implants. He has always tried to continually update his knowledge and is passionate about providing the highest level of care while tailoring the experience to meet each patient's needs. In his spare time, he enjoys Photography, Computer Science, Design, Travel, Culinary Arts, and spending time with his daughters Sophie and Layla.

Orthodontists specialize in the diagnosis, prevention, and correction of teeth and jaw irregularities. One of their primary job functions is to design, fabricate, or use orthodontic appliances to realign teeth and jaws in order to allow for normal functioning and to improve appearance.

**Orthodontist Responsibilities:**

\*Using various diagnostic tests to determine the condition of patients' teeth.

\*Studying patient records, including dental histories, plaster models of teeth, and X-rays to develop treatment plans for patients.

- \*Discussing treatment plans and cost estimates with patients.
- \*Treating occlusion issues and other oral conditions.
- \*Instructing assistants on orthodontic procedures and techniques.
- \*Collaborating with other specialists, such as dentists and oral surgeons, to coordinate orthodontic services within the overall treatment plan.
- \*Fitting patients for various orthodontic appliances.
- \*Scheduling regular checkups with patients to make adjustments to orthodontic appliances, such as tightening braces, and tracking patient progress.
- \*Educating patients about on-going orthodontic care and explaining proper oral hygiene methods for good oral health.
- \*Providing referrals to other professionals, such as oral surgeons, when needed.

### **Orthodontist Requirements:**

- \*Bachelor's degree in biology, chemistry, or a related field.
- \*Doctor of Medical Dentistry (DMD) degree or a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree.
- \*Further studies in orthodontics, accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA).
- \*Member of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO).
- \*In-depth knowledge of various molds and orthodontic appliances.
- \*Experience using hand tools (periodontal scalers, band pluggers, cutters, pliers) and diagnostic tools (digital X-rays, 3D images).
- \*Superb dexterity and hand-eye coordination.
- \*Outstanding patient management skills.
- \*Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- \*Orthodontists use fixed and removable dental devices, like braces, retainers, and bands, to change the position of teeth in the mouth. They treat dental abnormalities, including:
  - \*Crooked teeth
  - \*Bite problems, like an overbite or an underbite
  - \*Crowded teeth, or teeth that are too far apart
  - \*Jaw misalignment
- \*The goal of orthodontic care is to improve a patient's bite. Teeth that are straight and evenly spaced will align with opposing teeth in the jaw. A healthy bite ensures you can eat, chew, and speak properly. In the past, seeing an orthodontist was associated with children or teenagers who needed braces. However, orthodontists can correct dental problems at any age.