

DR. FRANK MOGAVERO

DELIVERING XTREME SMILES

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Local orthodontist Dr. Frank Mogavero found a way to combine his passion for action sports, photography, and creating beautiful smiles—with the help of a few of his most “extreme” patients. With 23 years of professional experience and a peerless reputation behind him, Dr. Mogavero has become the orthodontist of choice for many of skate and snow’s rising stars.

As an avid snowboarder and amateur photographer, Mogavero infuses an element of fun and visual excitement in to his practice. Patients can sit in an authentic chair lift, play video games in the wii cave, surf the web, and check out the autograph wall and some captivating sports photography. Mogavero’s kid-friendly atmosphere and caring team help to calm nerves and make a patient’s visit memorable for all the right reasons.

Dr. Mogavero’s unconventional San Clemente office began attracting local skateboarding phenoms a few years ago and his practice suddenly became the go-to spot for these daring tweens and teens. Mogavero, a loyal X-Games follower, has also photographed many of the events. “I was surprised to learn that even these mega-ramp kids were afraid of the dental chair,” he recalls. “I’m glad I’ve been able to make the experience better for them.” Five of Mogavero’s patients competed in X-Games Barcelona in May 2013. “It is so fun to see my patients competing against the world’s best and earning medals on the other side of the globe!”

scribes as “modification in the formative years to create space for permanent teeth and to optimize growth patterns.” This two-phase method typically starts between the ages of seven and ten years using jaw wideners or braces to address issues like crossbite, crowding, oral habits, protrusion, diastema, underbite and spacing. The finishing (second) phase includes braces and other appliances. Early treatment has become the standard in the field, and Dr. Mogavero finds that most kids don’t avoid braces and other dental work like in past generations.

As the only Premier Preferred Provider of Invisalign products in South Orange County, Dr. Mogavero treats many adult patients as well. This series of progressive aligners—otherwise known as invisible braces—is ideal for adults who want the convenience, flexibility and comfort of a removable device that both straightens teeth and creates stunning smiles. As the technology has advanced, these virtually undetectable aligners are now successfully treating patients that would not have been candidates in the past.

Dr. Mogavero’s sports-influenced orthodontic practice also extends to the local community. He provides mouth guards—complete with imprinted team logos—to high school varsity athletes and also coordinates with San Clemente Youth Foot

ball’s mouth guard program. As both a father and a father-to-be, Mogavero is proud to reinvest in local youth sports. “These kids are all amazing,” he asserts, “Each one has a different story. I’m happy to get to know them and glad they can come to my office and feel at home.”

When he’s not with his family, photographing sporting events, or treating patients in his San Clemente and Laguna Niguel offices, you might find Dr. Mogavero on the slopes of Mammoth Mountain. He travels to his Mammoth Lakes satellite office twice a month to see local patients and to get his snowboarding fix when conditions are right.

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