

# Interdisciplinary Orthodontics

## Cooperation

In medicine, interdisciplinary teamwork between specialists is essential. "Interdisciplinary" meaning reflecting on, integrating and using methods as well as implementing perspectives and ways of thinking from different disciplines. Problems are analyzed and discussed together from various viewpoints, the interdisciplinary exchange leads to an optimization of therapies for the benefit of our patients.

## Role of the ICCO

The ICCO strives to become a leading forum in orthodontics to enable and specifically promote the fruitful transfer of knowledge and experience between orthodontists, dentists, oral surgeons, speech therapists and other specialists by applying suitable tools.

## Digitization

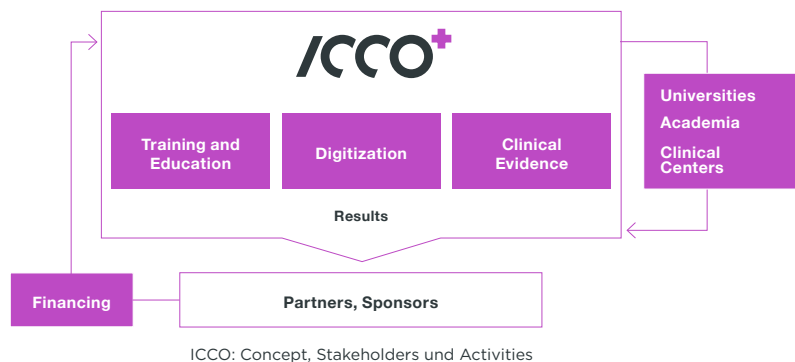
As a result of digitization, we are currently experiencing immense changes affecting therapies, processes and our professional profiles in the long term. Users are required to permanently inform themselves and stay up to date in order to be able to incorporate new technologies and findings into their daily work. This does not always succeed without problems and wrong decisions can be expensive.

## Activities

Together with our members and carefully selected specialists, we want to offer a relevant, professional exchange of information and experience, without any commercial background noise. This will be achieved on three levels: advanced training, digitization and clinical documentation. With colleagues from private practices, clinics and universities, a forum will be created with the aim of further developing orthodontics in a sound and practical manner for the benefit of everyone involved.

## Concept

A recently carried out survey shows that such an interdisciplinary approach is welcomed and supported by different groups (Richterich G, 2020). A viable concept has been developed and the implementation phase is being started right now. In order to initiate the first activities, our industrial partner provides the start-up financing. Other financing options are being evaluated, members will also make a small contribution through their annual fees.



## Outlook

With the aim of promoting and supporting orthodontists in their daily work and increasing the benefits for their patients, the ICCO is due to start its activities. This typically Swiss type of collaboration has proven itself extremely well in other areas of medicine for many years, e. g. in the form of the AO, the ITI and the OSTEOLOGY FOUNDATION.

## Membership

Take the opportunity of becoming one of the early members of our multidisciplinary, dynamic, inspiring group! We look forward to welcoming you.

## ICCO Association

Legal form: a non-profit association; entry in the commercial register (pending); in formation (2021)

## Board 2022-2025

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## Purpose, Aims

The ICCO aims to promote progress in the field of orthodontics in order to improve the quality of life of affected patients.

The goals of the ICCO are promotion and dissemination of interdisciplinary knowledge from orthodontics and related areas. Orthodontists, dentists and other specialists are supported and encouraged in their daily work through learning, discussion, exchange and social contacts.

## Scope of Services

- Documentation of clinical procedures
- Education and training programs
- Development of methods and products
- Dissemination of specialist information

## Partner

MIKRONA GROUP AG (CH)

## Financing

- Partner contributions
- Membership fees
- Course fees
- Donations, licenses

## 3-Year Goals

- 100-120 members, international
- Female proportion min. 40%
- 1 study club meeting per quarter
- 1-2 project(s) per subject
- Secure financing
- First ICCO Congress in 2024
- Initiation of 2 to 4 cooperation models