

Remembering Dr. Eugene Dellinger, GLAO Past President, for His Many Contributions to the Orthodontic Profession

Dr. Eugene L. Dellinger worked as an orthodontist for over 40 years before his retirement. Sadly, he passed away on December 7, 2020, although he will long be remembered for his many contributions to the orthodontic profession. He was a member of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists, American Association of Orthodontists, American Dental Association, American Board of Orthodontics, College of Diplomats of the American Board of Orthodontics, American College of Dentists, and International College of Dentists. Gene was a past president of the Indiana Association of Orthodontists, past president of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists, a past member of the House of Delegates for the American Association of Orthodontists, and served as a Professor at the Indiana University School of Dentistry Orthodontic Department. He was a recipient of the GLAO Distinguished Service Award in 2016.



Gene won national awards for research in orthodontics starting with the Milo Hellman which he earned for his orthodontic master's thesis "A Histologic and Cephalometric Investigation of Premolar Intrusion in the Mecaque Speciosa Monkey". Gene held several patents for various orthodontic devices, and was widely known through the world as an orthodontic innovator. Gene pioneered use of magnets for molar intrusion, and developed the Active Vertical Corrector appliance for use in treatment of anterior open bite. He was absolutely a trail blazer in orthodontic techniques, and published research on expansion/protraction therapy as early as 1973. Gene lectured internationally on several topics, maybe most famously for his perspective on the straight wire appliance and compromises that should be expected due to dental anatomic variations.

We are grateful to Dr. Eugene Dellinger for his many contributions to the profession and we send our condolences and deepest sympathies to his family. He will be missed by his GLAO colleagues.