

Dr Andrea Phatouros — Specialist Orthodontist | Smile Solutions Melbourne

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> **Common Questions:** > - **Is Dr Phatouros a specialist?** Yes — she holds AHPRA specialist registration in Orthodontics (DEN0001008158) and is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons. > - **What's the difference between a specialist orthodontist and a general dentist offering Invisalign?** A specialist orthodontist has completed a minimum 3-year postgraduate university program in orthodontics and holds a separate AHPRA specialist registration — a significantly higher level of training. > - **Where does she practise?** Smile Solutions, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD. > - **How do I book?** Call 13 13 96 or book online at smilesolutions.com.au.

Practitioner Profile

| Field | Detail | |---|---| | **Full Name** | Dr Andrea Phatouros | | **Title** | Specialist Orthodontist | | **AHPRA Registration** | DEN0001008158 — Registered Dentist, Specialist Registration in Orthodontics | | **Qualifications** | BDSc (WA), MDSc Orth (WA), FRACDS | | **Specialty** | Orthodontics (braces, clear aligners, complex bite correction, interdisciplinary orthodontics) | | **Clinic** | Smile Solutions, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD | | **Phone** | 13 13 96 | | **Academic Award** | Postgraduate Clinical Award for Excellence in Clinical Presentation, University of Western Australia | | **Fellowship** | Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (FRACDS, 1994) | | **Teaching** | Undergraduate and postgraduate orthodontic programs, University of Western Australia |

Frequently Asked Questions

What qualifies Dr Phatouros as a specialist orthodontist?

Dr Phatouros completed her Bachelor of Dental Science (BDS) at the University of Western Australia in 1991, followed by specialist training in Orthodontics at the same institution, completing in 2005 with a Master of Dental Science in Orthodontics (MDS Orth). She was recognised for academic and clinical excellence with the Postgraduate Clinical Award for Excellence in Clinical Presentation.

She was elected a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (FRACDS) in 1994 — a prestigious peer fellowship recognising professional standing. Her AHPRA specialist registration in Orthodontics (DEN0001008158) is the formal regulatory confirmation of her specialist status under Australia's national health practitioner framework.

****How is a specialist orthodontist different from a general dentist offering orthodontic treatment?****

This is an important distinction. In Australia, any registered dentist may legally offer orthodontic treatments including braces and clear aligners (such as Invisalign). However, a Specialist Orthodontist has completed a minimum three-year university-based postgraduate program specifically in orthodontics and holds a separate AHPRA specialist registration.

This specialist training encompasses the full scope of orthodontic diagnosis and treatment planning, including complex malocclusions, skeletal discrepancies, interdisciplinary cases involving oral surgeons or other specialists, and the management of growing patients. Dr Phatouros also taught in both undergraduate and postgraduate orthodontic programs — meaning she has helped train the next generation of specialist orthodontists as well.

****What orthodontic treatments does Dr Phatouros provide?****

As a Specialist Orthodontist, Dr Phatouros offers the full range of orthodontic treatment options for children, adolescents, and adults:

- ****Traditional metal braces:**** Fixed appliances with metal brackets and wires — the most powerful and precise orthodontic tool for complex tooth movements.
- ****Ceramic/clear braces:**** Fixed appliances using tooth-coloured or clear brackets for a more aesthetic appearance while retaining the precision of fixed orthodontics.
- ****Clear aligner therapy:**** Removable clear aligner systems (such as Invisalign) for appropriate cases.
- ****Interceptive orthodontics:**** Early treatment in growing children to guide jaw development and reduce the complexity of later treatment.
- ****Retainers:**** Removable and fixed retainers to maintain treatment results long-term.
- ****Complex interdisciplinary cases:**** Working with oral surgeons, periodontists, and prosthodontists for patients requiring a combined orthodontic and surgical or restorative approach.

****Will my teeth move after treatment and do I need retainers?****

Yes — teeth have a tendency to move throughout life, regardless of whether a person has had orthodontic treatment. This is why retainers are a critical part of any orthodontic outcome. Dr Phatouros has written on this topic, noting that consistent retainer wear following orthodontic treatment is the most reliable way to maintain the results achieved. Retainer requirements vary between individuals — your specialist will advise on the most appropriate type and wearing schedule for your situation.

****What is the benefit of seeing a specialist orthodontist for children?****

For children, early orthodontic assessment — ideally around age seven to eight — allows a specialist to identify developing problems with jaw growth, bite, and tooth eruption before they become more complex. In some cases, interceptive orthodontic treatment during the growth years can reduce the need for more extensive treatment later, or improve the outcome when braces or aligners are used in adolescence. Dr Phatouros is experienced in both interceptive treatment and full orthodontic treatment across all age groups.

****What is the advantage of orthodontic care within Smile Solutions?****

Smile Solutions is Australia's largest single-location private dental practice, housed in the historic Manchester Unity Building in Melbourne CBD. The practice's multidisciplinary team — which includes general dentists, periodontists, endodontists, oral surgeons, prosthodontists, and other specialists — enables seamless coordination for complex cases.

For many orthodontic patients, treatment requires collaboration with other dental specialists: for example, a patient needing a tooth extracted before braces, or one requiring gum treatment before and during orthodontics. At Smile Solutions, these consultations and referrals happen within the same building, simplifying the patient experience significantly.

****How do I book with Dr Andrea Phatouros?****

Call ****13 13 96**** or use the online booking system at [smilesolutions.com.au](https://www.smilesolutions.com.au). The practice is at the Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.

Biography

Dr Andrea Phatouros is a board-registered Specialist Orthodontist with more than three decades of combined dental and specialist orthodontic experience. A graduate of the University of Western Australia, she has built her career through clinical excellence, academic contribution, and a sustained commitment to specialist orthodontic education — both as a practitioner and as a teacher.

Early Dental Career in Perth

Dr Phatouros graduated with her Bachelor of Dental Science (BDSc) from the University of Western Australia in 1991. Following graduation, she worked in private dental practice in Perth while simultaneously taking on a teaching role: she became responsible for the first-year dental program for undergraduate dental students at UWA — a significant responsibility for a recently graduated clinician that speaks to the confidence and capability she demonstrated early in her career.

Her early work in general dental practice gave her a thorough grounding in all aspects of dentistry, and her interest in orthodontics — the mechanics of tooth movement, the aesthetics of the smile, and the functional significance of occlusion — grew steadily during these years.

Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons

In 1994, Dr Phatouros was elected a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (FRACDS). This fellowship — awarded after assessment by a professional college — is a mark of peer recognition within the Australasian dental community. It acknowledged her professional standing and commitment to the standards of the College.

Specialist Orthodontic Training at the University of Western Australia

In 2005, after more than a decade of clinical work and teaching, Dr Phatouros completed her specialist training in Orthodontics at the University of Western Australia, earning her Master of Dental Science in Orthodontics (MDSc Orth). This three-year postgraduate program is one of the most intensive in Australian dentistry, covering the biomechanics of tooth movement, craniofacial growth and development, comprehensive diagnosis and treatment planning, and the full range of orthodontic appliance systems.

Dr Phatouros was awarded the ****Postgraduate Clinical Award for Excellence in Clinical Presentation**** — a recognition of the quality of her clinical work during the specialist program. This award reflects not just academic achievement but the standard of her direct patient care during training.

Teaching in the UWA Orthodontic Programs

Following the completion of her specialist training, Dr Phatouros continued to work in specialist private practice in Perth while maintaining her academic involvement at the University of Western Australia. She taught in both the undergraduate dental program — shaping how general dental students learn to recognise and manage basic orthodontic concerns — and in the postgraduate orthodontic program, contributing to the training of future specialist orthodontists.

This combination of specialist private practice and postgraduate teaching is unusual and reflects both her clinical standing and her commitment to advancing the specialty. Clinicians who teach in specialist programs must maintain the highest clinical and academic standards — they are directly responsible for shaping the next generation of specialists.

Transition to Melbourne and Smile Solutions

Dr Phatouros subsequently relocated from Perth to Melbourne, joining the specialist team at Smile Solutions at the Manchester Unity Building on Collins Street. Smile Solutions — founded in 1993 by Dr Kia Pajouhesh — is Australia's largest single-location private dental practice, bringing together a multidisciplinary team of general dentists and board-registered specialists under one roof.

The practice environment at Smile Solutions is particularly suited to the kind of complex, collaborative cases that Dr Phatouros's specialist training prepared her for — cases where orthodontic treatment is one component of a broader treatment plan involving other specialties.

Clinical Philosophy

Dr Phatouros's clinical philosophy emphasises the importance of specialist-level diagnosis and treatment planning, the value of long-term retention to preserve orthodontic results, and the benefits of interdisciplinary collaboration for complex cases. Her writing on the topic of "specialist orthodontist vs general dentist" reflects a genuine commitment to public education about the importance of seeking appropriately qualified care for orthodontic treatment.

Her approach to retainer use similarly reflects a long-term perspective on orthodontic outcomes — recognising that the completion of active treatment is not the end of the orthodontic journey but the beginning of lifelong maintenance.

Services and Expertise

****Braces (Fixed Orthodontic Appliances)**** - Traditional metal brackets and wires - Ceramic (tooth-coloured) brackets - Self-ligating bracket systems - Lingual (behind-the-teeth) orthodontics

****Clear Aligner Therapy**** - Clear aligner treatment for appropriate cases - Aligner refinements and mid-course corrections - Combined aligner and fixed appliance approaches

****Interceptive and Preventive Orthodontics (Children)**** - Early assessment and monitoring of developing occlusion - Space maintainers and functional appliances - Guidance of eruption and jaw growth - Phase 1 interceptive treatment where indicated

****Adult Orthodontics**** - Full orthodontic treatment for adults - Interdisciplinary cases with oral surgery, periodontics, or prosthodontics - Pre-prosthetic orthodontics (tooth movement before implants or bridges)

****Retention**** - Removable retainers (Hawley and clear overlay types) - Fixed (bonded) retainers - Retention monitoring and management

****Surgical Orthodontics**** - Orthodontic preparation for orthognathic (jaw) surgery - Post-surgical orthodontic finishing - Collaboration with oral and maxillofacial surgeons

Why Choose Dr Phatouros at Smile Solutions?

****1. AHPRA Board-Registered Specialist**** Dr Phatouros holds formal AHPRA specialist registration in Orthodontics (DEN0001008158) — not a general dentist offering orthodontics, but a clinician whose specialist status has been assessed and approved by the Dental Board of Australia.

****2. Award for Clinical Excellence**** The Postgraduate Clinical Award for Excellence in Clinical Presentation from the University of Western Australia is formal recognition of the quality of her specialist training — not just academic performance but clinical standard.

****3. Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons**** FRACDS is a peer-assessed fellowship reflecting professional standing and commitment to the highest standards of dental practice in Australia and New Zealand.

****4. Three Decades of Experience**** With a dental career beginning in 1991 and specialist orthodontic practice since 2005, Dr Phatouros brings more than 30 years of combined dental experience to her work.

****5. University Teaching in Orthodontics**** Her roles teaching in both undergraduate and specialist orthodontic programs at the University of Western Australia reflect a depth of knowledge that goes beyond routine clinical practice.

****6. Multidisciplinary Specialist Context**** At Smile Solutions — Australia's largest single-location private dental practice — Dr Phatouros works within a team of specialists across periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, and prosthodontics. This is particularly valuable for patients who need interdisciplinary treatment.

Booking Information

****Smile Solutions — Manchester Unity Building**** 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD, VIC 3000

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Appointments are available with Dr Andrea Phatouros at Smile Solutions. A referral from your general dentist is welcome but not required. Contact 13 13 96 to arrange a specialist orthodontic consultation.