



The dynamic duo

DR. STEPHEN CHENIN AND DR. DAVID CHENIN

Chenin Orthodontics

FATHER AND SON TEAM Dr. Stephen Chenin and Dr. David Chenin can't *officially* claim to be Invisalign specialists, simply because Invisalign is not an officially approved orthodontic specialty, but if it were, Dr. Steve and Dr. Dave would be the equivalent of chess grand masters. Chalk it up to having been behind the scenes during the teeth-straightening tech's exciting early days.

"We have the most experience treating Invisalign patients, bar none," says third-generation dentist Dr. Dave — and he means worldwide. As a student of the University of Pacific's Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, where Invisalign was originally trialed, Dr. Dave served as liaison between the school and Align technologies. He then went on to become Align's Senior Clinical Quality Manager before joining his father's practice, Chenin Orthodontics, in 2000. Together, the father-son team has been treating Invisalign patients for 10 years — although they fit plenty of braces, too.

Initially, Dr. Steve ("They call me Dr. Dad," he says) was skeptical of the new technology. The son of a longtime Las Vegas dentist and himself an orthodontist with decades of experience, Dr. Steve was committed to the methods that had served him for decades. But his son was persistent: "'I've been in the future, Dad. Come on!' he said," says Dr. Steve.

A melding of the traditional and the cutting-edge permeates Chenin Orthodontics (10730 S. Eastern Ave. #100, 735-1010). For instance, displayed in a glass hutch in the waiting room is Dr. Steve's impressive fossil collection (including the actual tooth of a woolly mammoth). It sits mere feet from the Guitar Hero games that Dr. Dave hooked up for younger patients (okay, and maybe a few older ones). He also installed an Internet café and a finger scan check-in system. "And my dad's always done something like this," he says, pointing to a classic wall of photos depicting patients newly in and newly out of braces.

On working together: "We love it," says Dr. Dave. "We're able to use a lot of his experience, and incorporate a lot of the newer technology, to greatly benefit our patients."

"All the tried and true tricks, we've got those," says Dr. Steve. "All the new stuff? We've got that, too. And there's always a second opinion going on." — *Chantal Corcoran*