



NYU Integrates Invisalign® Into Dental School Curriculum

SANTA CLARA, Calif., May 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Align Technology, Inc. (Nasdaq: ALGN), the inventor of Invisalign®, a proprietary method of straightening teeth without wires and brackets, today announced that New York University College of Dentistry is integrating Invisalign into its undergraduate curriculum.

Beginning this fall, Invisalign and its accompanying treatment precepts will be included in undergraduate orthodontic instruction at New York University College of Dentistry (NYUCD). NYUCD graduates more than eight percent of all U.S. dentists each year, and has both a distinguished faculty and a technologically-advanced clinical facility.

NYUCD will ultimately include Invisalign clinical training and certification as part of introductory and advanced orthodontic lectures. The institution's long-term goals are to create comprehensive didactic and practical Invisalign clinical courses, and to create a faculty structure that educates and trains students while supervising patient care.

"Introducing Invisalign into dental and post-graduate course curriculum is a primary goal of our clinical education initiative," said Dr. Lou Shuman, Vice President of Clinical Education at Align. "We applaud NYUCD for recognizing Invisalign as a valuable and necessary aspect of their educational discipline, and fully support their plans to train future dental professionals."

As the first steps in the educational process, orthodontic faculty at NYUCD recently completed Invisalign certification at the University, and Align hosted an elective Invisalign certification workshop for graduating seniors.

"Like other proven treatment modalities, Invisalign is an orthodontic discipline that should be incorporated into the dental curriculum, where students can learn concepts and practical applications in a structured environment," said Dr. Richard Vogel, Executive Associate Dean at NYUCD. "The benefit is that our students will graduate prepared to provide their patients with a greater range of treatment options."

About Align Technology, Inc.

Align Technology designs, manufactures and markets Invisalign, a proprietary method for treating malocclusion, or the misalignment of teeth. Invisalign corrects malocclusion using a series of clear, nearly invisible, removable appliances that gently move teeth to a desired final position. Because it does not rely on the use of metal or ceramic brackets and wires, Invisalign significantly reduces the aesthetic and other limitations associated with braces. Invisalign is appropriate for treating adults and older teens. Align Technology was founded in March 1997 and received FDA clearance to market Invisalign in 1998.

Information on Align's clinical and continuing education events is available at www.invisaligncec.com. To learn more about Invisalign or to find a certified Invisalign doctor, please visit www.invisalign.com or call 1-800-INVISIBLE.

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