Dear readers,

When I began working in the field of orthodontics (in the Middle Ages!), it was very different from what I encounter today in my daily practice. This is normal: with the progression of research on biology, biomechanics and biomaterials, as well as with the development of the technology, results have increasingly been improving, as have treatment times, aesthetics and patient comfort.

There is another important aspect too that has completely changed our way of working: orthodontics has finally come out of its isolation to perfectly interact with other fields of dentistry. In this sense, this issue of the *ortho* magazine fully interprets this new age by presenting, beyond papers, new and original orthodontic appliances and techniques that also make a contribution in different fields of dentistry applied to orthodontics, such as CAD/CAM technology, whitening and laser-assisted surgery.

I congratulate the editor for the choice of this new approach and wish you all a good read.

Yours faithfully,

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