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Dr. Jim Hilgers graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola Dental School in Chicago in 1969 and from Northwestern University Orthodontic Department where he received his master's degree in March 1971.

Dr. Hilgers holds six active patents on commonly used orthodontic products and in 1991 won a gold medal at the prestigious New York Film Festival for that year's best informational CD. Some of his orthodontic appliances are on display at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Over 100 of his written articles are in scientific and clinical journals as well as an orthodontic textbook used in many graduate orthodontic programs worldwide.

An internationally recognized lecturer, teacher, author and mentor with a long history of postgraduate lecturing, Dr. Hilgers is an associate professor of orthodontics at Loma Linda University Dental School and has been a guest lecturer at all of the component societies and 13 national meetings of the American Association of Orthodontists

Dr. Hilgers brings 35 years of varied clinical experience, including that with temporary skeletal anchorage, to the VectorTAS team. Given seminars throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia,