

Apauda Gallagher Orthodontics has been providing a fun, positive atmosphere for state-of-theact orthodontic services in the Perry Hall area for the last five years. The practice opened its new second office in Abingdon one year ago. An orthodontics specialty practice, AG Ortho offers Invisalign, clear and metal braces for children, teens and adults.

"At AG Ortho, our priority is making you smile!" says Dr. Amanda Gallagher, the owner of the practice. "We design and create beautiful smiles, and support and build confidence in our patients along the way. You are our family when you are here!" she adds.

Dr. Gallagher graduated magna cum laude from James Madison University and received Division I academic-athlete honors. She attended Temple University School of Dentistry, graduating summa cum laude, completed her orthodontic residency at the University of Maryland School of

Dentistry, and has participated as an orthodontic specialist on craniofacial and cleft-palate teams at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Kernan Medical Center. Dr. Gallagher's previous experience as an orthodontist in a pediatric dental office has helped shape her style of treatment for all patients in a kind, caring and compassionate way. She has been named Top Orthodontist for the last four years in a row by Baltimore Magazine's annual dentist peer survey.

An Invisalign Platinum Provider, Dr. Gallagher is an expert in improving smiles with the more esthetic options that many teens and adults prefer. Using a system of clear, computer-generated aligners that are custom made specifically per Dr. Gallagher's treatment plan, Invisalign straightens teeth gradually without the use of visible brackets. One major advantage of Invisalign is that these aligners are all removable, so there is no limitation on what you can eat or drink, and brushing and flossing are much easier than it is with braces.

AG Ortho offers free initial consultations for all new patients. The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that a child's first orthodontic visit be scheduled by age 7. Dr. Gallagher may be able to spot and correct subtle problems with jaw growth and emerging teeth while baby teeth are still present at this young age. Regardless of age, a first-time patient to the office will meet with Dr. Gallagher for a comprehensive exam, x-rays and photos. No conventional

"goopy" impressions will be taken. (AG Ortho uses a high-tech digital scanner to capture 3D impressions of your teeth instead!) Dr. Gallagher, along with her treatment coordinator, will listen to your concerns and goals and will discuss various treatment options with you, as well as review insurance and financing options.

Dr. Gallagher runs the practice along with her husband, Ben Whetzel, an attorney and former litigator. With the growth of the business and pending build out of the new offices, Ben joined the family business on a full-time basis almost three years ago. He handles the business finances and administration which allows Dr. Gallagher more time to devote to patient care. Their outstanding team has grown to over 20 employees, and they have opened two state-of-the-art offices in the last two years that more resemble high-end spas than your traditional dental setting. "The new offices allow AG Ortho to provide the best patient experience possible along with the outstanding care and welcoming service," says Whetzel.

In addition to creating beautiful smiles, AG Ortho is proud to partner with their greater Perry Hall and Harford Co. communities in a variety of school, church and youth sports activities (such as sponsoring Baltimore Union Soccer Club's youth camps and clinics and contributing towards the new Angel Park playground in Perry Hall). Dr. Gallagher and Ben live in the community in nearby Fallston along with their two young sons and are expecting baby boy #3 at the end of the year!

You can learn more about AG Ortho on their website at www.AGortho. com and on their social media sites on Facebook and Instagram. The practice is accepting new patients and can be contacted at 410-256-2044 or at info@agortho.com. The offices are located at 9650 Belair Rd, Nottlingham, MD 21236 and 3486-A Emmorton Rd, Abingdon, MD 21009.

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