



FAMILY

All in the

Type of business

Garfinkle Orthodontics is a boutique-style orthodontics office that focuses on the specific needs of each individual patient and strives to exceed expectations of customer service. We try to ensure that patients have a fun and fulfilling experience while achieving a spectacular smile. Garfinkle Orthodontics offers Invisalign and traditional braces for both children and adults, and also specializes in the orthodontic care of patients with cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial anomalies.

Dr. Richard Garfinkle started his orthodontic practice in 1973 in Oregon City, and moved it to its current location in Hillsdale in 1990. Dr. Judah Garfinkle, Richard's son, purchased the practice in 2009, and the father-son team have been working together ever since, helping Portland smile. Judah is married to Ali and is father to Madeline (4) and Ian (2).

Opportunities

Working together allows us the opportunity to collaborate on both the science and art of orthodontics. We take turns being teacher and student. Recognizing that this is an intimate and impactful intersection of our careers and lives, we take advantage of that and continue to work on our relationship with each other.

Things Learned

From working in a family environment, we recognize the importance of treating our patients (and team members) like they are members of our family. This extends to fostering our relationship to our community, where we both live as well as work.



Challenges

It is important to recognize the difference between the personal and professional aspects of our lives, not so much as to completely separate them, but to allow us to maintain a healthy perspective. We also focus on being happy if we get what we need, not what we want from our shared business relationship.

Common Thread

Judah is proud of the fact that he is a third generation dentist. His grandfather, Richard's father, was an oral surgeon. The three generations of Garfinkle dentists share a passion for excellence and connection with each patient, and a focus on providing the finest care available.

Piece of Advice

Take advantage of each other's strengths and cherish the time — as we all know, it goes fast.



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