

TOP DENTISTS



Who compiles the list?

topDentists, LLC, based in Augusta, Georgia, has compiled a nationwide list of top rated dentists.

How many dentists in the immediate Tucson area are on the list?

90

Do dentists pay to be on the list?

NO

How is the list determined?

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“If you had a patient in need of a dentist, which dentist would you refer them to?”

This is the question that dentists were asked by *topDentists* to help determine who the top dentists should be, taking into consideration years of experience, continuing education, manner with patients, use of new techniques and technologies and of course physical results.

The nomination pool of dentists consisted of dentists listed *online* with the American Dental Association (<http://www.ada.org>), as well as dentists listed online with their local dental societies, thus allowing virtually every dentist the opportunity to participate. Dentists also were given the opportunity to nominate other dentists who may have been missed. Respondents were asked to put aside any personal bias or political motivations and to use only their knowledge of their peer's work.

Voters were asked to individually evaluate the practitioners on their ballot whose work they are familiar with. Once the balloting was completed, the scores were compiled and then averaged. The numerical average required for inclusion varied, depending on the average for all the nominees within the specialty and geographic area. Borderline cases were given careful consideration by the editors of *topDentists*. Voting characteristics and comments were taken into consideration as well as past awards and status in various dental academies.

Once the decisions were finalized, the included dentists were checked against state dental boards for disciplinary actions to make sure they have an active license and are in good standing with the board.

Of course there are many fine dentists who are not included in this representative list. It is intended as a sampling of the great body of talent in the field of dentistry in Tucson. A dentist's inclusion on the list is based on the subjective judgments of his or her fellow dentists. While it is true that the lists may at times disproportionately reward visibility or popularity, *topDentists* remains confident that their polling methodology largely corrects for any biases.

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Grinz Orthodontics

Dr. Richard Ziehmer

Dr. Ziehmer grew up in Tucson and received his undergraduate education at the University of Arizona. He later received his Doctor of Dentistry Degree from Indiana University in 2003 and his Masters of Science in Orthodontics from Saint Louis University in 2005. Dr. Ziehmer returned to his home town of Tucson to open Grinz Orthodontics in March, 2007 in the same neighborhood he grew up in. Since then, he has provided cutting edge orthodontic care to both children and adults. He is board certified by the American Board of Orthodontics and is an active member in the American Association of Orthodontists as well as the Orthodontic Education Research Foundation. In addition to the time spent with his patients and extensive continuing education courses, Dr. Ziehmer is a proud sponsor of numerous local youth sports teams. Dr. Ziehmer treats a variety of malocclusions (bad bites), but his expertise and passion is taking a child or adult that is self-conscious about their teeth, and through the use of braces or invisalign, giving them a beautiful smile that will ultimately improve their self confidence and give them one of the tools necessary to have a successful personal and professional life. "The transformation we see patients go through during treatment is simply amazing! You don't ever really get to know someone's true personality and potential until they feel confident in their smile! Exams are complimentary and you won't ever regret the benefits of a great smile!"

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