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Milestones



Visiting Faculty Spear Education 2013

Visiting Faculty LD Pankey Institute 2008

Visiting Faculty Orthodontic Program
Washington Hospital Center 2000

On staff AAMC: Orthopedic Rounds
In OR for TMJ Surgery

Devoted Facial Pain Practice 1996
(No Hygiene to Check!!)

CT and MRI Imaging Joints 1992
Guy Haddix, DDS: Mentor
(3,000+ images and rising)

Post Grad CE- GPR, LD Pankey Institute, Dawson, Mahan, Gremillion, Spear, Kois



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TMD Therapies: (70 therapies)

Physical

Ice
Hot Cold Hot
Cold Laser
TENS in office
TENS home use
Range of motion exercises
Active Stretching: Manual, Tongue Blades, Dynasplint
Refer to Physical Therapy: Rocabado mobilization
Refer to Physical Therapy: Postural Restoration Therapy
Refer to Physical Therapy: Various Muscle Therapies
Refer to Chiropractic: Atlas Orthogonist
Refer to Osteopathic MD: Body alignment
Breathe, Walk , Exercise

Brux Checker
Upper full coverage hard CR guard
BiArch Posterior Deprogrammer
Mandibular Advancement Device
Lateral Bruxing Device
Lingual Light Wire
Condylar Distraction

Medicinal

Anti Inflammatory:
NSAIDs,
Doxycycline low dose
CBD Topical
Glucosamine/Chondroitin MSM
Vitamins: Vit C, Vit D, Vit B12
Minerals: Magnesium, Electrolytes
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Refer to MD for Lyme therapies
Refer to MD Rheumatoid Arthritis therapies
Refer Botox Masseter injections
Refer Botox Lateral Pterygoid Injections
Food

Occlusal Orthopedic

Lingual Light Wire
Planas Tracks
Lower soft sectional orthotic
Sectional orthodontics
Expansion orthopedics/ orthodontics
Restorative Dentistry
Occlusal Adjustment with DTR, TekScan
Condylar distraction
Occlusal Adaptation

Tongue Parafunction

Refer for Cervical Alignment/ Stabilization
Myobrace
Upper Lingual light wire
Clear Brux Checker
Frenectomy
Myofunctional therapy

Dental Orthotics

In Office Trial Anterior Stop
Temporary home use anterior stop
Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop
Brux-PAS
Lower full coverage CR
Lower posterior deprogrammer
Lower TMJ Rehab flat plane
Lower Indexed
Brux Checker

Upper full coverage hard CR
Posterior Stop Night Guard
Mandibular Advancement Device
Anterior Stop Airway Bite
Facebow Verification
Lateral Bruxing Device
Condylar Distraction
Lingual Light Wire
Lower Soft Sectional

Athletic Mouthguard
Anterior Repositioning
Occlusal Adjust Assist
Aqualizer
Myobrace

Sleep/ Fatigue

Mouth taping
Diet Modification
Positional Therapy
Vitamins: Vitamin D, Vitamin B12, Vit C
Minerals: Magnesium, Iron
Lateral Bruxing Device guided plane
Lateral Bruxing Device Elastomeric
Mandibular Advancement Device
CPAP

Surgical

Refer: Arthrocentesis w/ PRP
Refer: Discectomy w/ Fat Graft
Refer: Total Joint Replacement
Refer: Orthognathic Surgery

Different Diagnoses have Different Therapies

Specific Diagnosis

TMDs- What are the choices? (190 Diagnoses, 7 Categories)

1. TMJ Damage

Arthritis
 Ankylosis
 Condylar fracture
 Condylar hyperplasia
 Condylar resorption
 Condylar cyst
 Condylar dislocation
 Condylar displacement
 Condylar degeneration
 Condylar dysfunction
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2. Muscles of the TMJ

Myofascial pain
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 Myofascial pain syndrome
 Myofascial pain disorder
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3. Cranial Alignment/Occlusion

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4. Cervical Damage

Cervical dysfunction
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5. Parafunction

Bruxism
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 Bruxism
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6. Whole Body / Systemic

Systemic dysfunction
 Systemic disorder
 Systemic dysfunction
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7. Other

Other dysfunction
 Other disorder
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 Other disorder

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Specific Therapy

Lingual Light Wire- Crozat Arch Expansion

Age 29

Start



7 months LLW

Age 30



Anterior Openbite with Active Osteolysis due to Inflammatory Tissue Bone Resorption

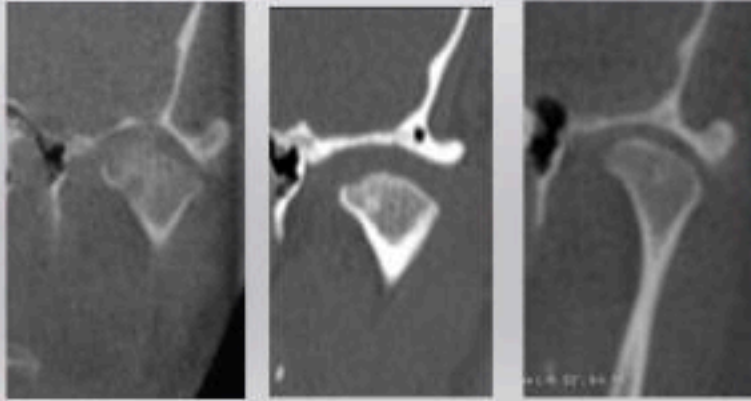
Non Surgical Therapies



Condylar Distraction



Anti Inflammatory Therapies



Restorative Dentistry

Pathological Occlusion

??Airway Related Bruxing?



Restore Function

Composite Trial Occlusion

AHI + 26 CPAP



Anterior guidance
or group function?



Disclosures:

Atomic Skis- Sponsored.
I got stuff.

TMD Course
LD Pankey Institute
A small honorarium for lectures

TMD Course
Spear Education
Honorarium for lectures

Co-Owner of ArrowPath Sleep
High Quality Dental Orthotics
Patent on sleep device: LatBrux



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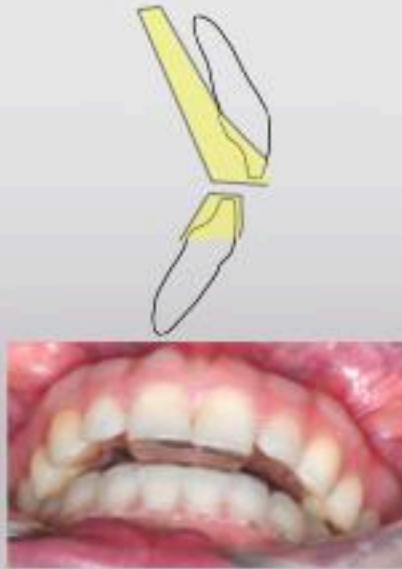
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3D Printed Orthotics

D-PAS
Diagnostic-
Palatal Anterior Stop



Brux-PAS
with lower Essix



Hard Lower Posterior Stop
with upper essix



Hard Lower Full Coverage
Centric Relation Orthotic





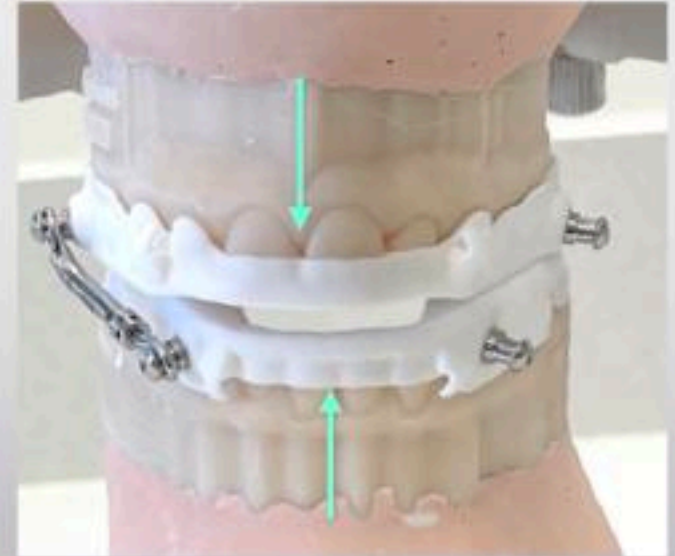
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Patient will have a right and left guard.
Move the jaw to the right one night, left the next

6 Common TMDs

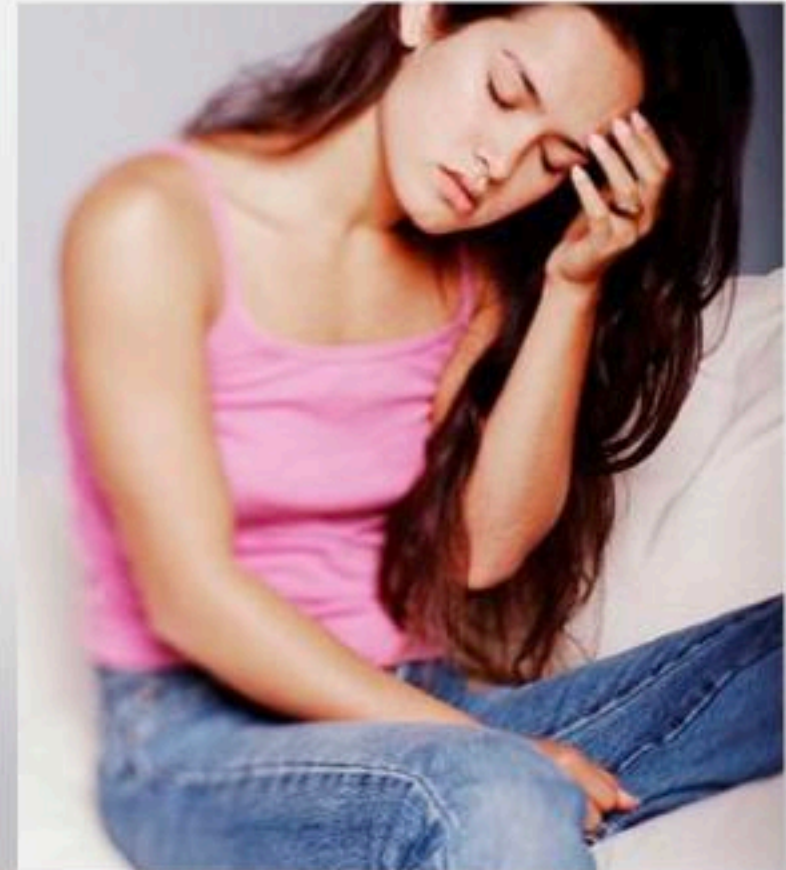
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- Parafunctional Grinding
- Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction
- Osteoarthritis
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- Acute Closed lock of TMJ disc

5 Common Obstacles

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- Wobbly TM Joint (Subluxation)
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1 TMD that **usually** does not need therapy

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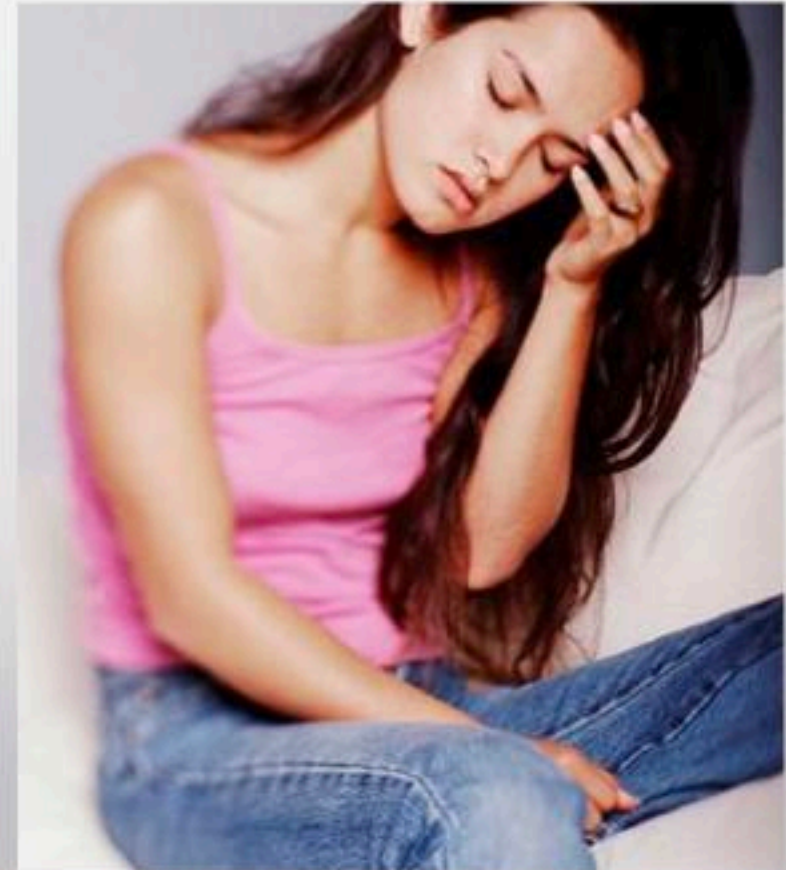
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TMJ Clicking





Rotate
Slide
Pivot

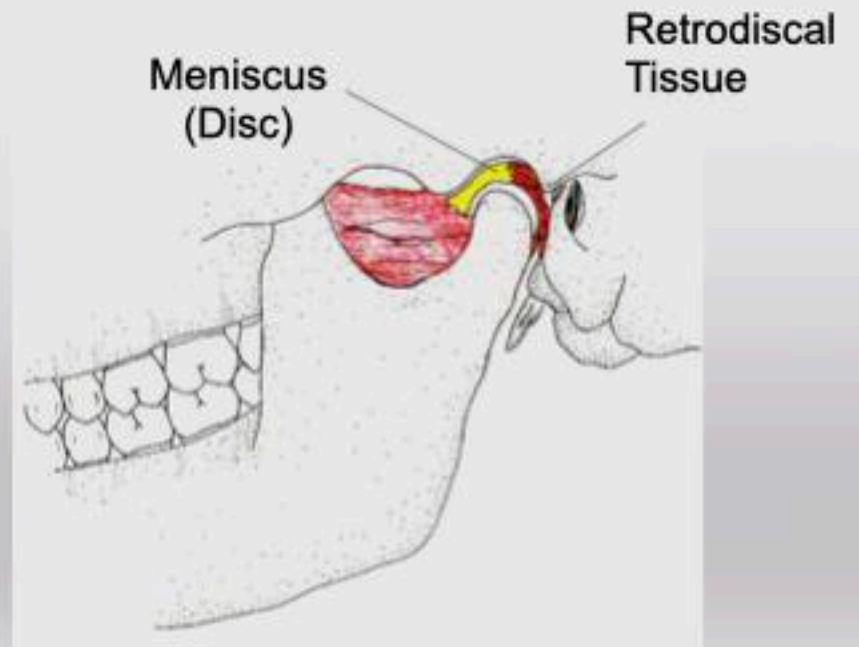
Solid end point closing
Ligamentous end point opening

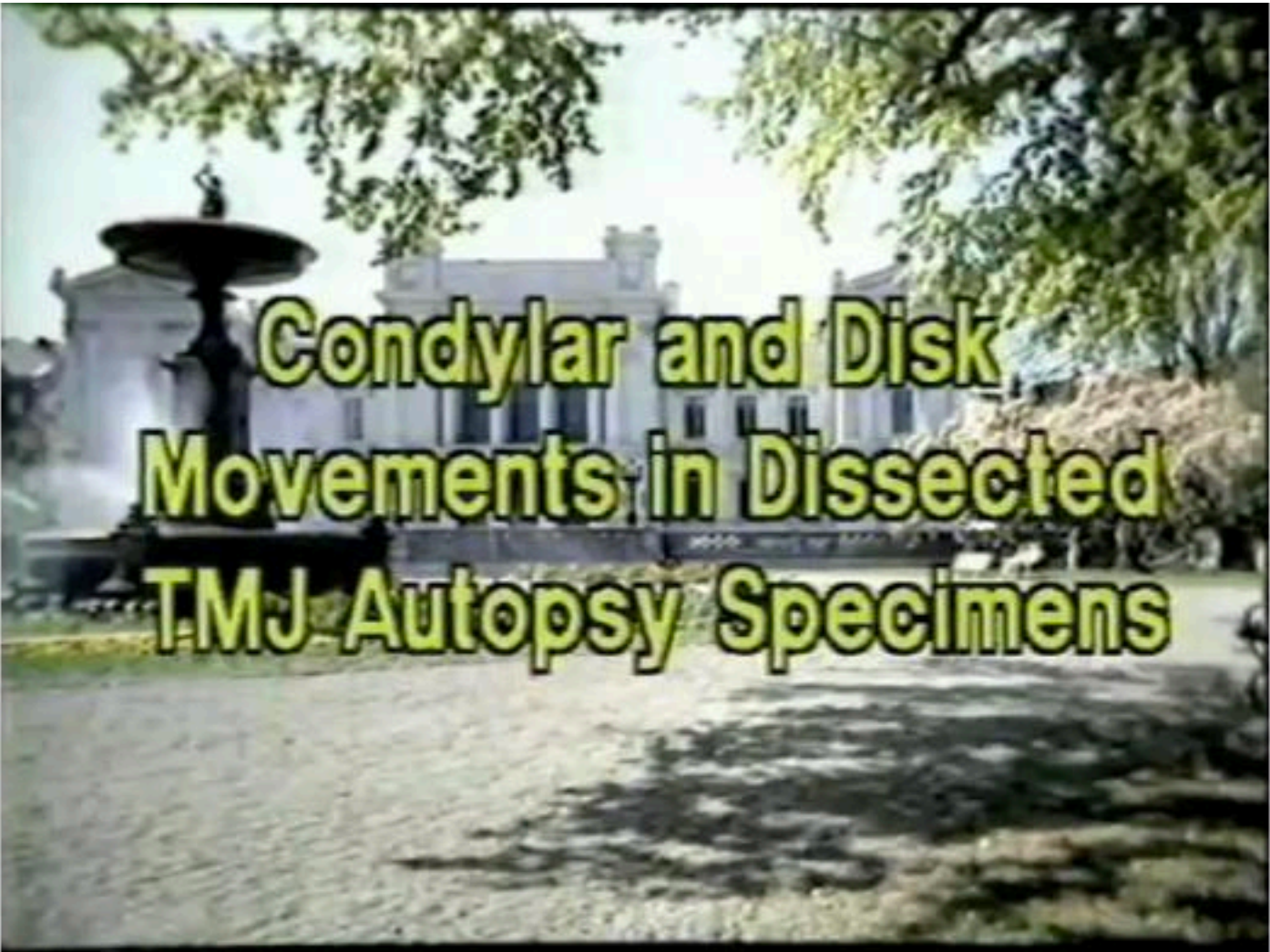
A joint joins two bones that allows movement between the two bones

TMJ has 2 Joint Compartments:

Upper- Translation

Lower- Rotation





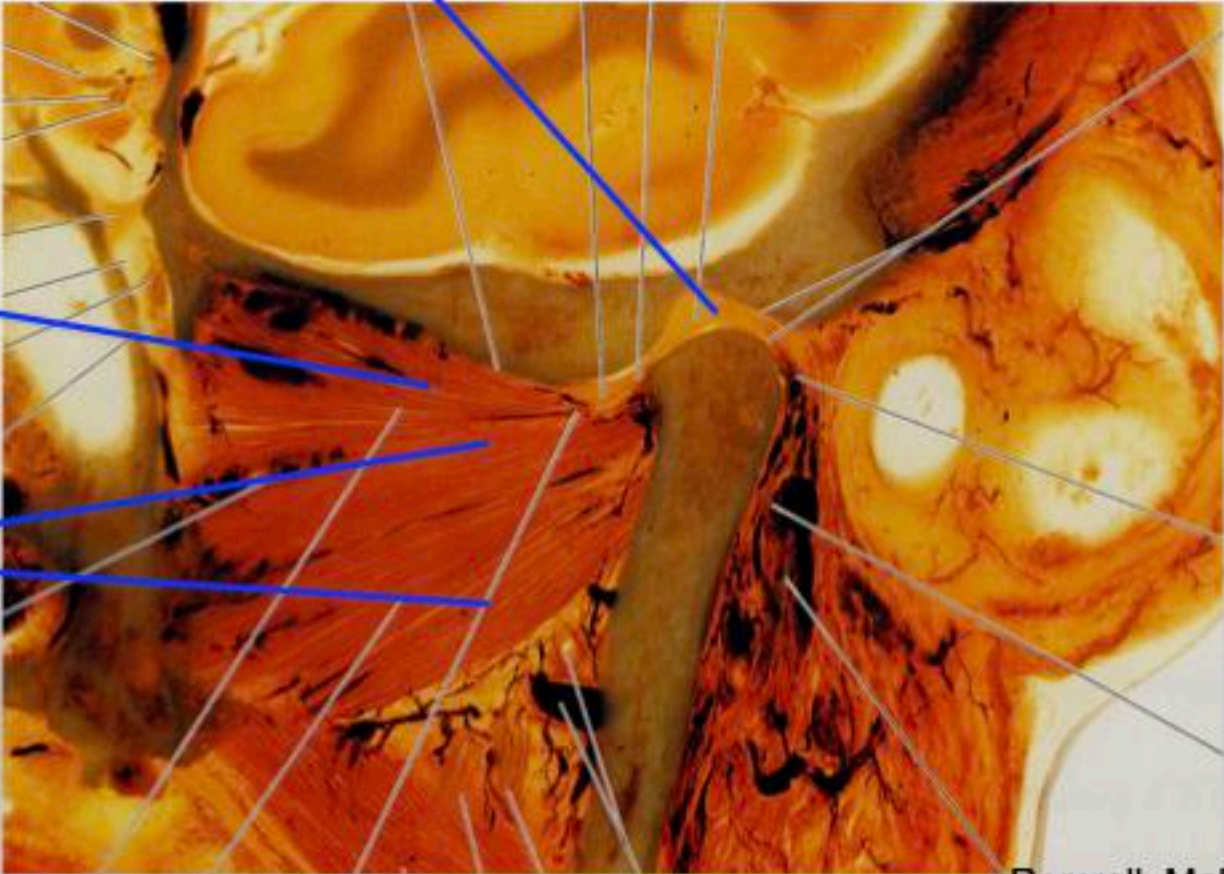
**Condylar and Disk
Movements in Dissected
TMJ Autopsy Specimens**

Disc: Thick-Thin-Thick

Oblique Sagittal View

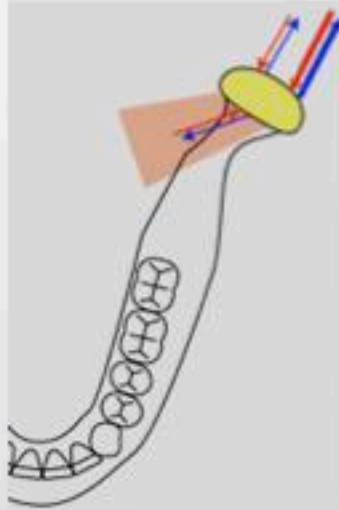
Lateral Pterygoid
Superior Head

Lateral Pterygoid
Inferior Head



Romrell, Mahan

Axial View



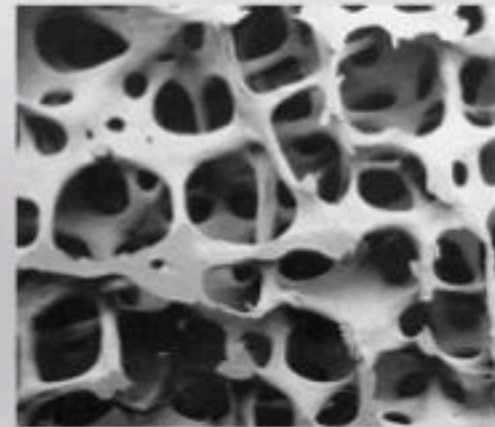
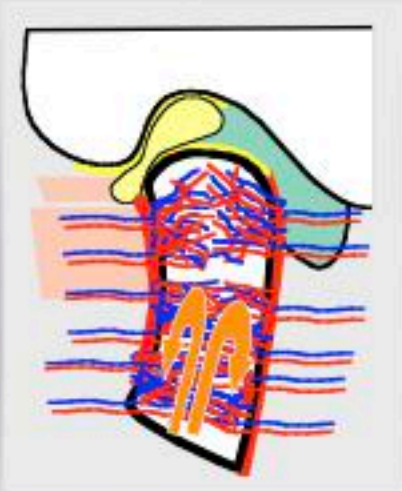
Normal TMJ Blood Flow, Marrow

Condylar head limited collateral circulation
Epiphyseal growth center

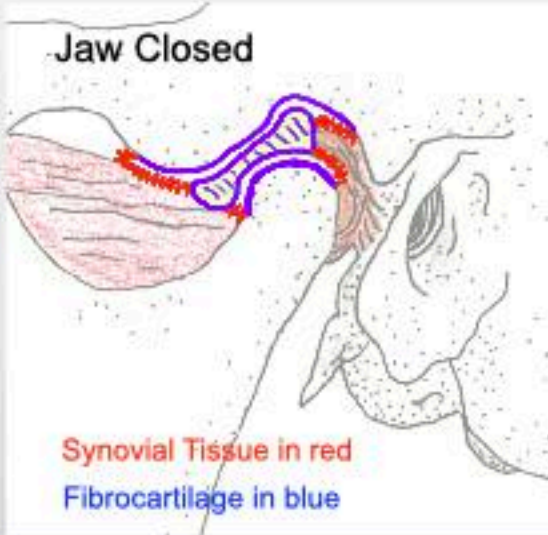
Marrow is fatty tissue with blood vessels, containing the precursor for blood cells

No Blood vessel inside joint

Closed
Sagittal

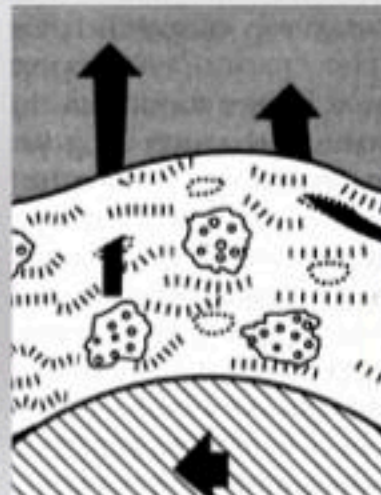
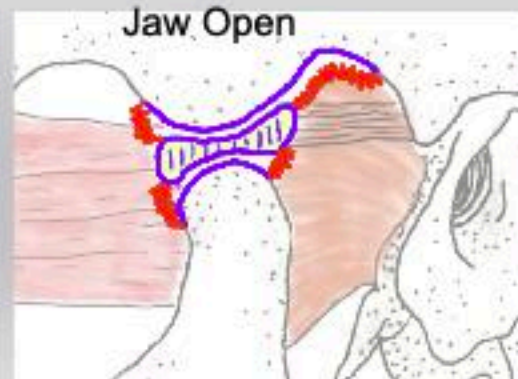
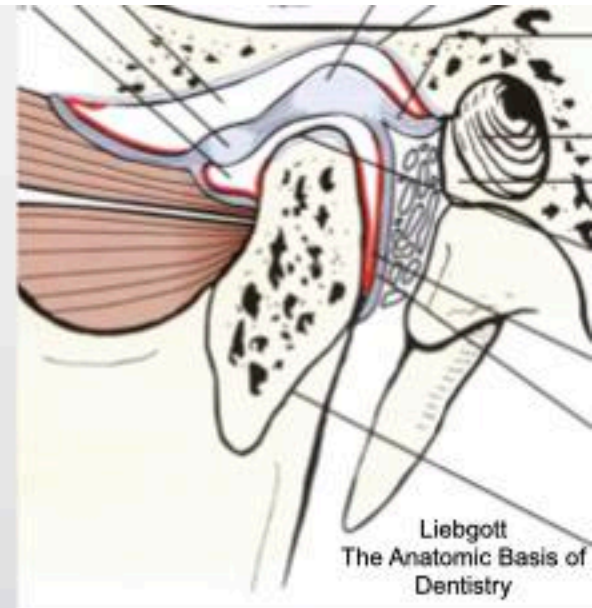


Normal TMJ- Synovium, Cartilage



Fibrocartilage-
Slope of Eminence
Disc
Top of Condyle

Synovial Tissue makes Synovial Fluid
No blood vessels in a health joint
Nutrition to the cartilage cells
Lubrication- Hyaluronic Acid and Lubricin



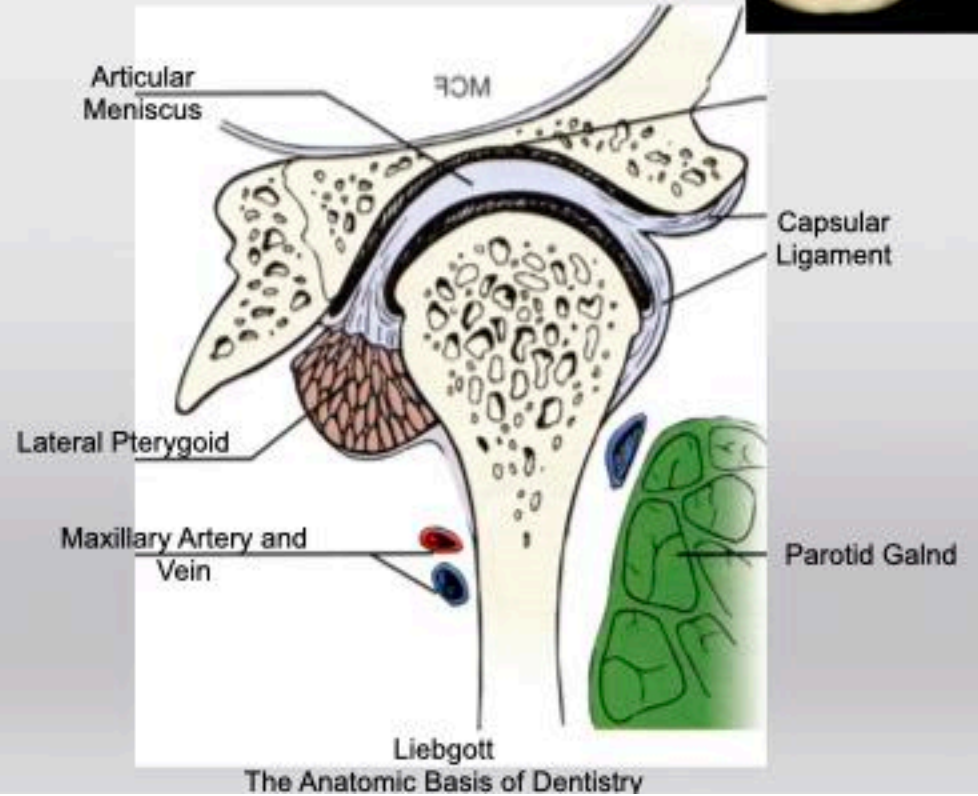
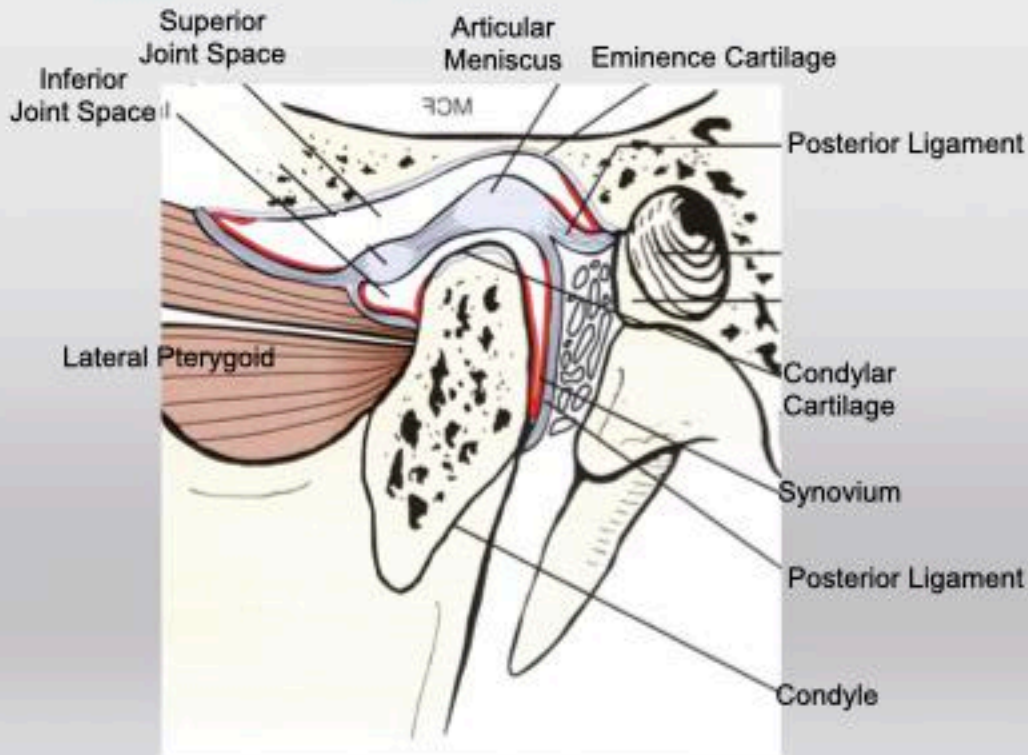
Fibrocartilage surface covered in fluid
Cartilage is hydrophilic
Proteoglycan negative charge
Surface Active Phospholipids
Fluid slides against fluid
5x slipperier than ice



Left TMJ Sagittal View



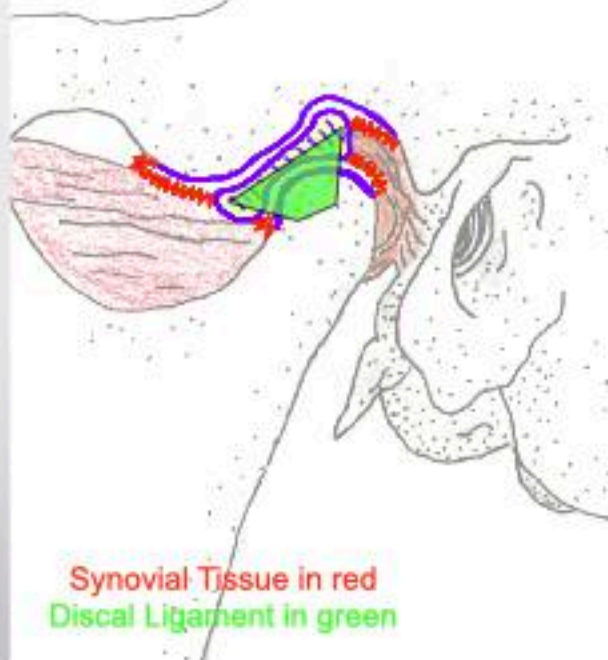
Left TMJ Coronal View



The Anatomic Basis of Dentistry

Normal TMJ

Jaw Closed



Discal Ligaments attach Disc to Condyle

Synovial Tissue

- Covers Front , Back and Sides
- Collapsed due to negative joint pressure

Disc viewed from above

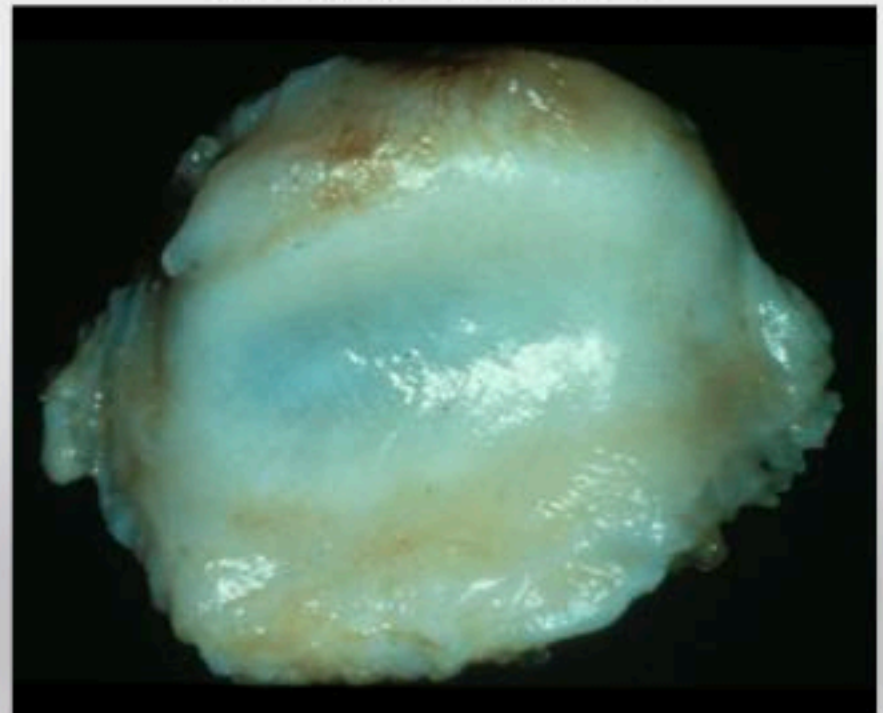
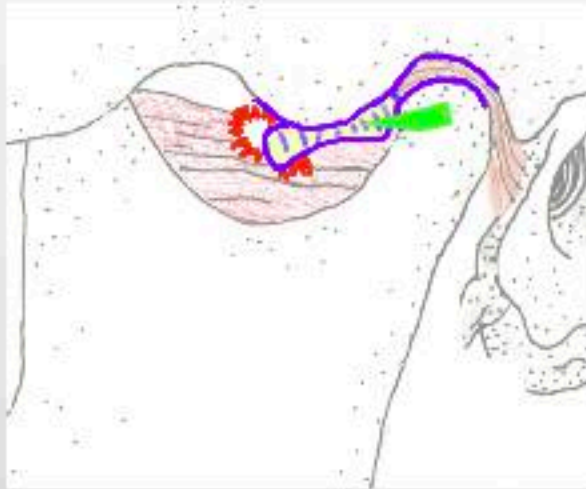


Photo Courtesy of Dr Henry Gremillion

Damaged TMJ- Anteriorly Dislocated Disc



Torn or stretched Meniscal ligaments

Anterior Dislocated Disc

Damaged Synovium

Retrodiscal Tissue pulled up and over the condyle

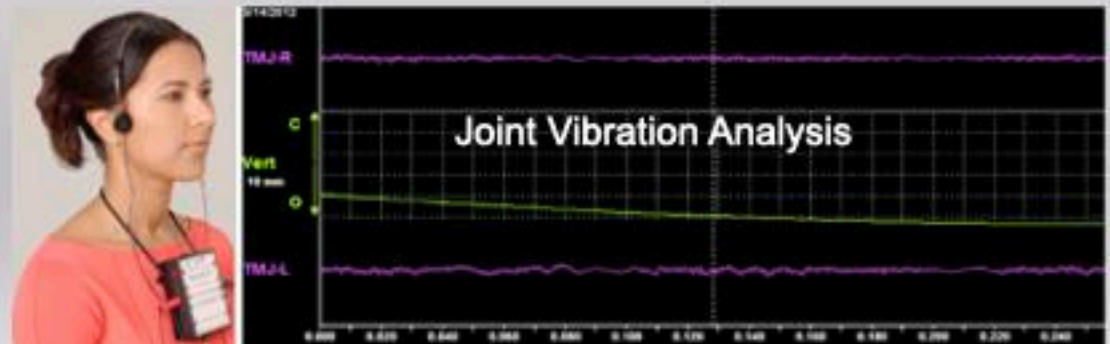
Retrodiscal tissue in direct contact with fibrocartilage

Major Increase in friction

Retrodiscal tissue adapts into fibrous "pseudodisc"

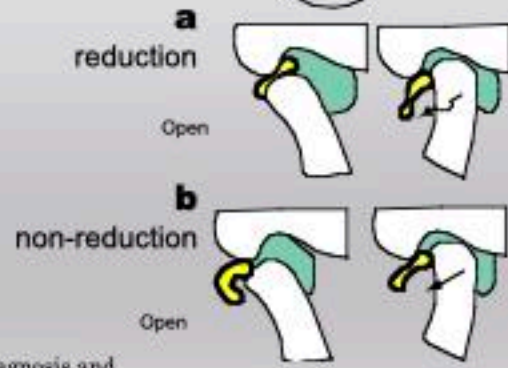
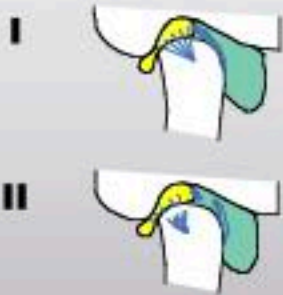
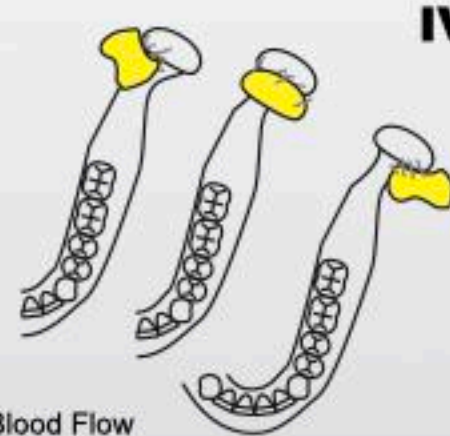
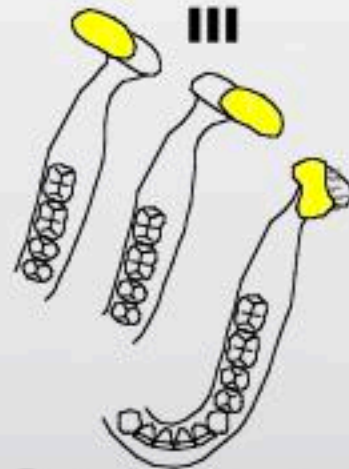
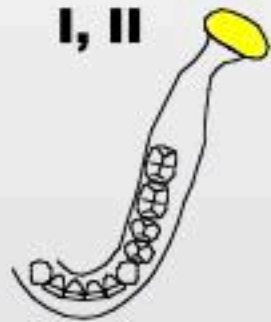
85% of all damaged joints adapt favorably without treatment

Cartilage sliding on tissue creates vibrations that can be detected



Dr. Mark Piper's Classification

Left TMJ



% Blood Flow Affected?



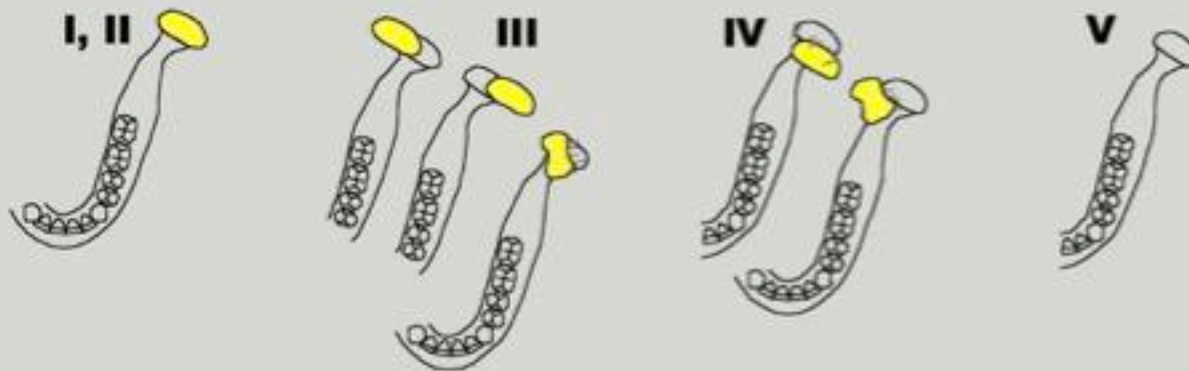
Bone to Bone
a Adapting
b Adapted

- I Normal
- 2 Ligaments or Cartilage damage
- 3a Partial disc subluxation, with reduction
- 3b Partial disc subluxation, non-reducing
- 4a Complete disc dislocation, with reduction
- 4b Complete disc dislocation, non-reducing
- 5a No Disc, Bone to bone- Adapting
- 5b No Disc, Bone to bone- Adapted

Droter JR, An orthopaedic approach to the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the temporomandibular joint. Dent Today 2005 Nov;24(11):82, 84-8

Distribution- 126 MRIs- 252 TMJs

- Patients presenting to my Facial Pain practice
- All patients with any indication of TMJ damage had scans



I&II-	32%
IIIa-	12%
IIIb-	3%
IVa-	18%
IVb-	30%
V-	5%

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**Both joints normal
14%**

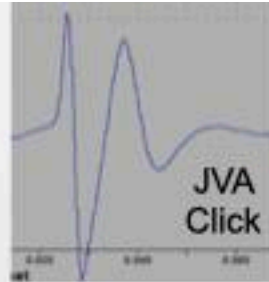
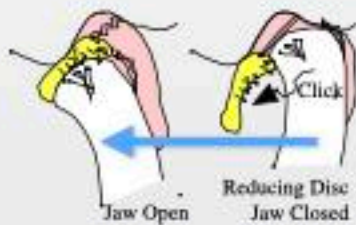
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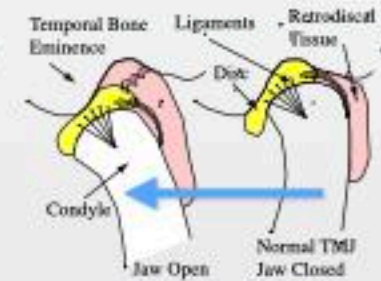
****III due mesial and III due lateral are new categories and not included in this study. Data thru 6/2003**

Differential Diagnosis of TMJ Clicking

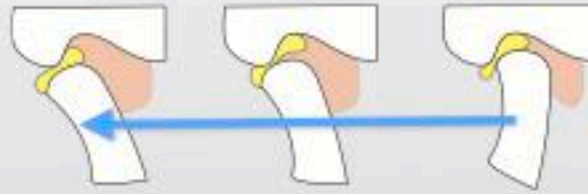
Disc Reduction



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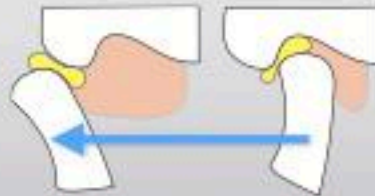


Adhesive Click



"Sticky Disc" - Disc sticks after prolonged clenching, then releases

Eminence Thud

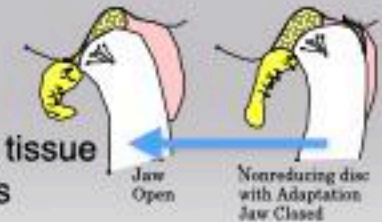


A hypermobile condyle moves past the crest of the eminence and makes a thud sound

3a Condyle Distalized,
Disc is in proper location,
Lateral pole click on
translation



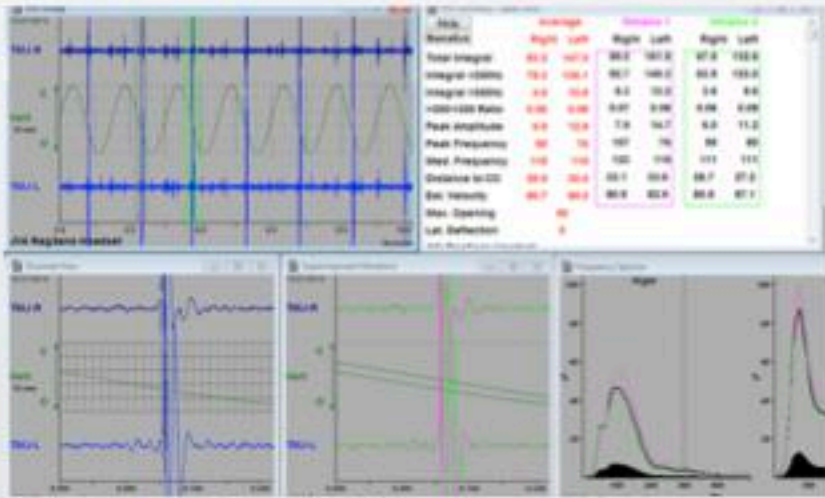
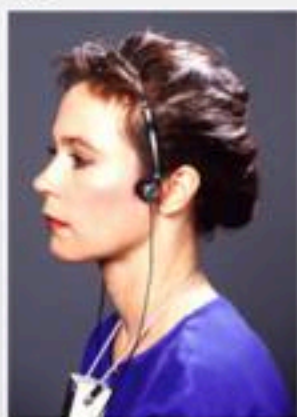
Adhesion Crackle



A small piece of fibrous tissue
4b joint is moved across

Joint Vibration Analysis

Objectively measures and quantifies joint vibrations during motion which is an indication of cartilage health



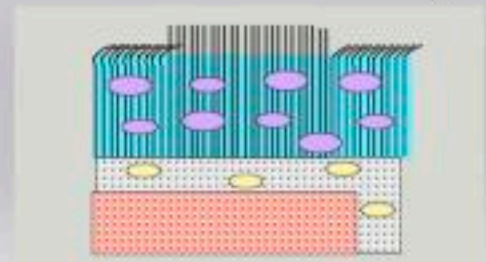
Based on Sonar.
It is not a microphone

Three main types of sounds



- Click
- Disc Reduction
- Wobble
- Disc subluxation
- Joint subluxation
- Scratch
- Oseoarthritis
- Tissue against cartilage (Piper 4b)
- Rough cartilage- clenching

JVA measures the health of the cartilage



Recording JVA

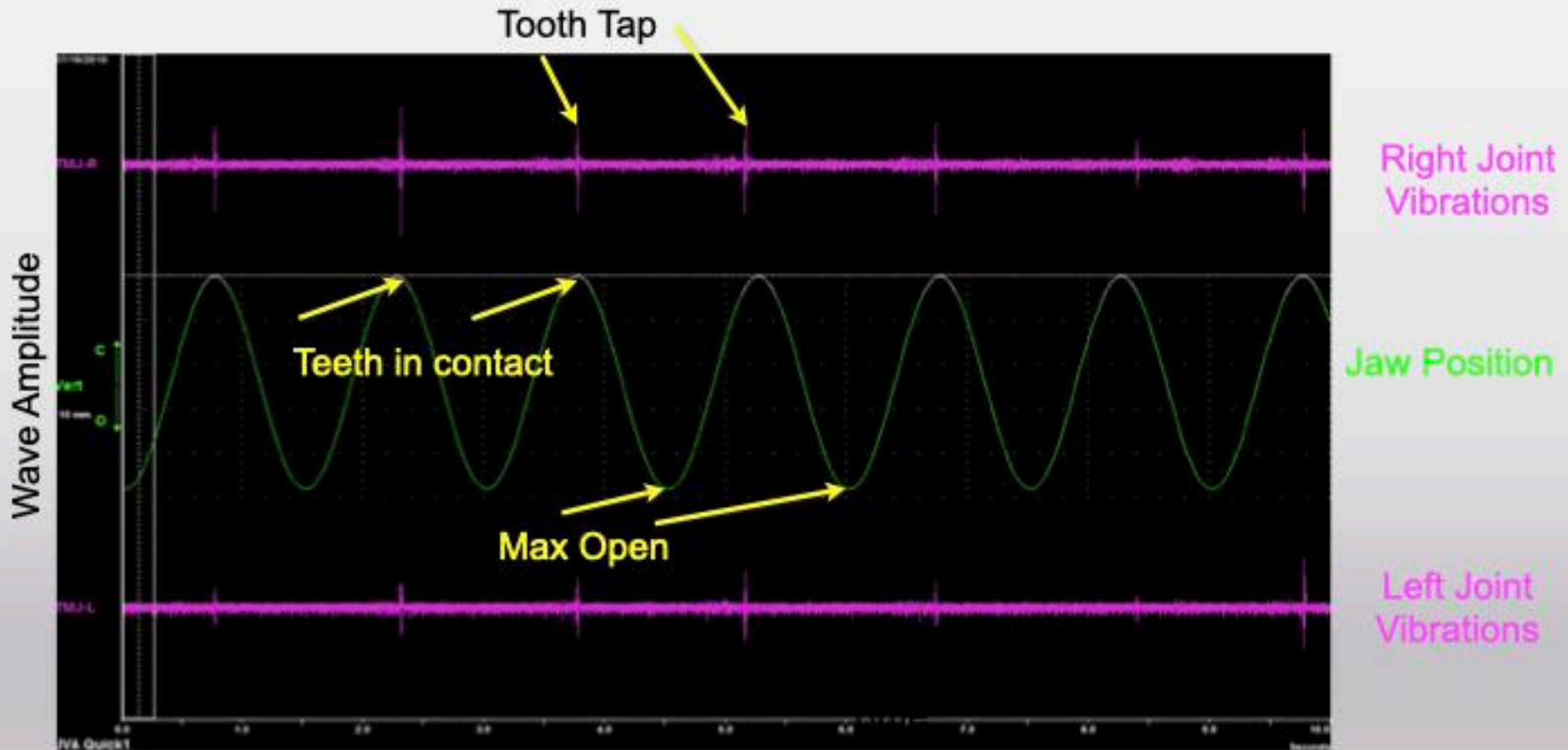


Joint Vibration Analysis Software



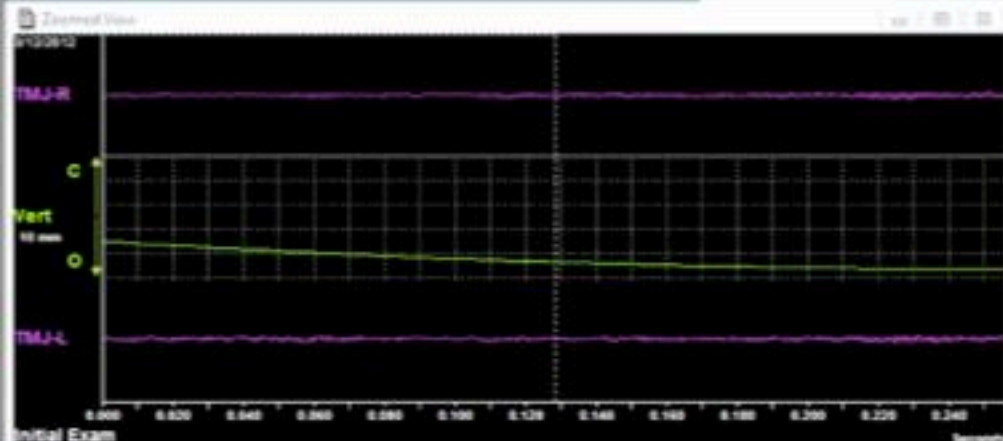
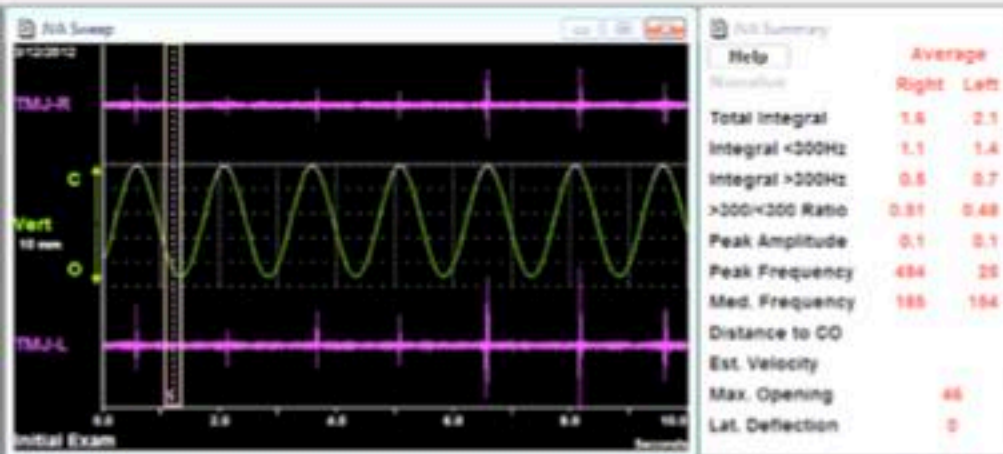
Normal JVA Quick

No other Vibrations than tooth contact

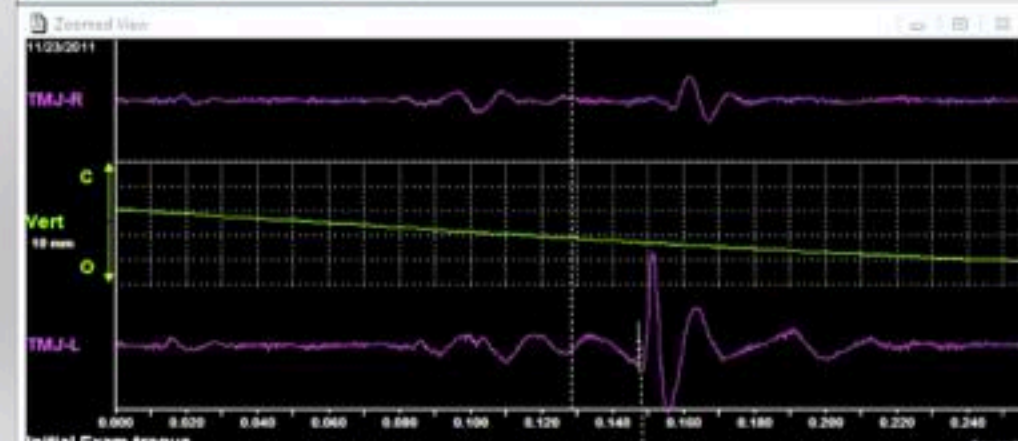
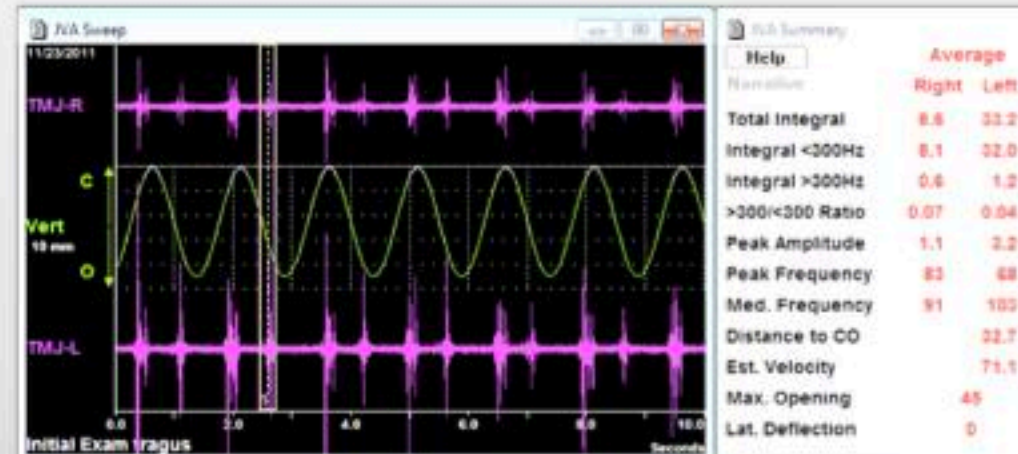


Amplitude = Wave Height = Energy

Healthy or Damaged?



Healthy or Damaged?



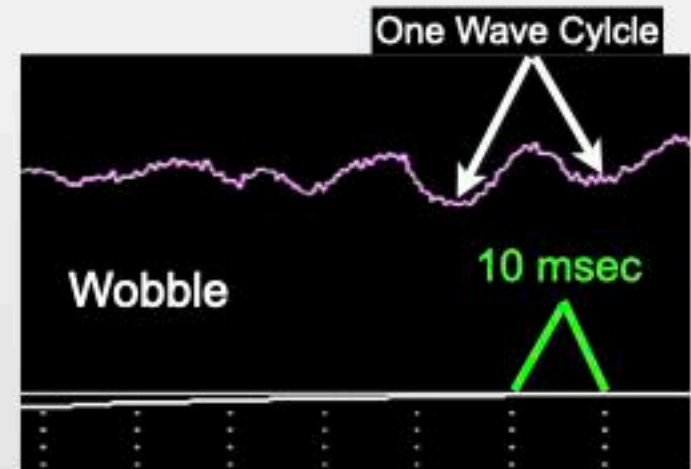
Vibration Types

Good Vibrations

Hertz = cycles/sec

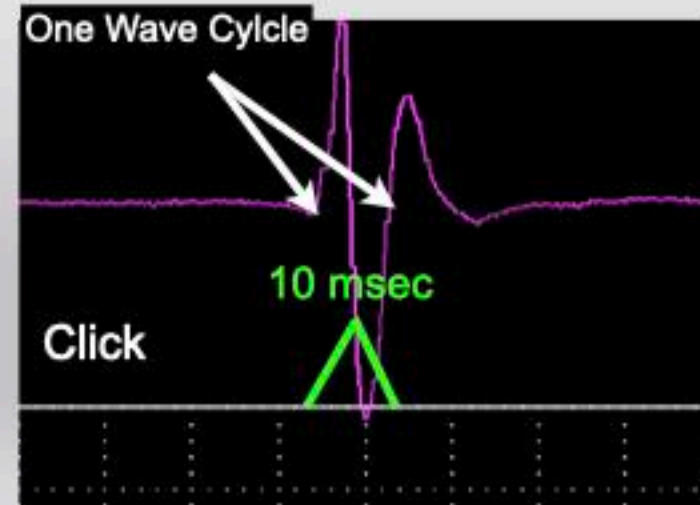
Wobble/Bump

50 Hz (range of 20-100)
0.5 cycle in 10 msec
Rolling wave



Click/Tap/Crackle

100 Hz (range of 60-150)
1 cycles in 10 msec
Double Cycle-
less hz in 2nd cycle



Scratch

All Hz 500 to 50
Disorganized Choppy
Random full spectrum Hz

Smooth

Wobble

Click

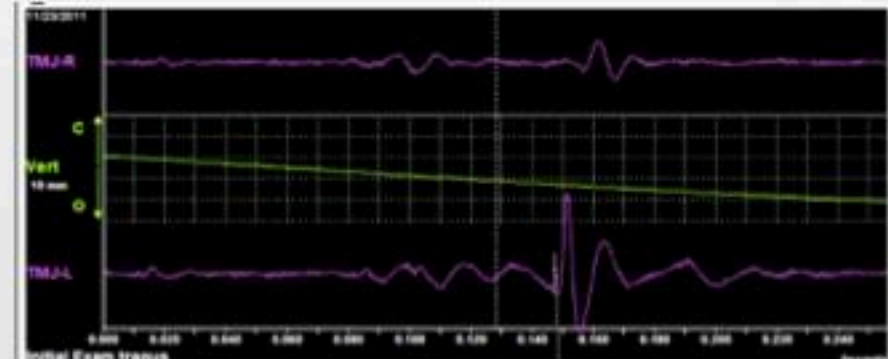
Scratch

3 most important uses JVA in my practice:

JVA TMJ Damage screening
Healthy, Damaged,
Simple Click, Complex click,
Scratch, Wobble

JVA helping with MRI interpretation
Adds motion to MRI
Favorable adaptation- few vibration

JVA showing changes over time****
Measure disease progression
Measure treatment progression

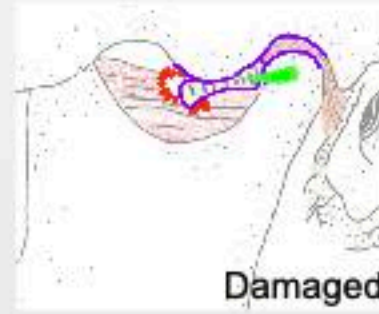


****JVA before all Orthodontics and Sleep apnea appliances

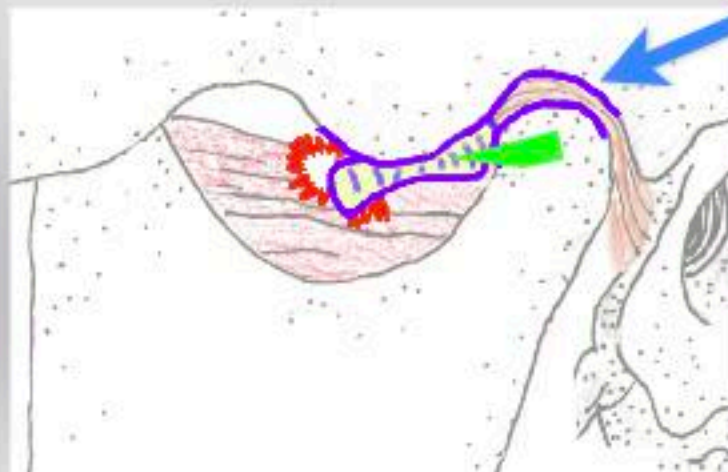
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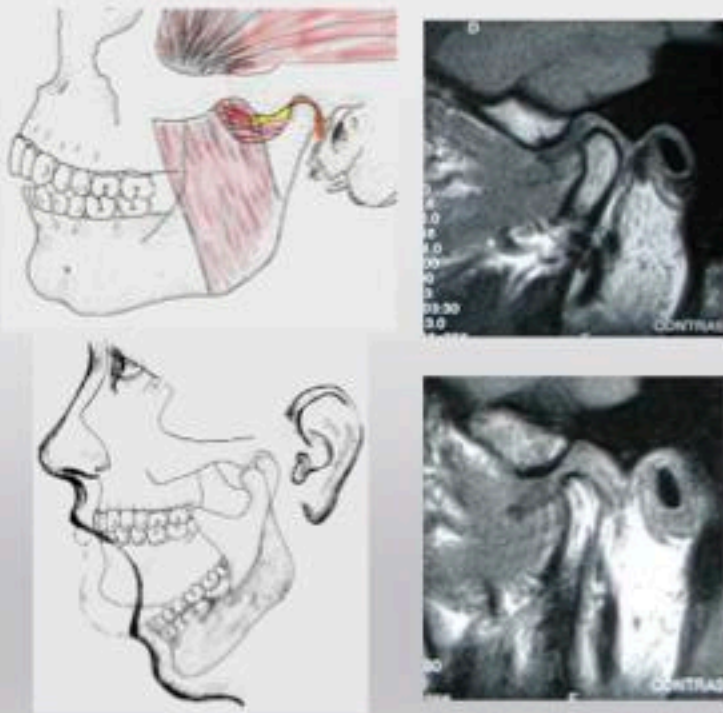


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Tissue Fibrosis

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

MRI gives you the start and finish
You have to infer what happened in between



Joint Vibration Analysis

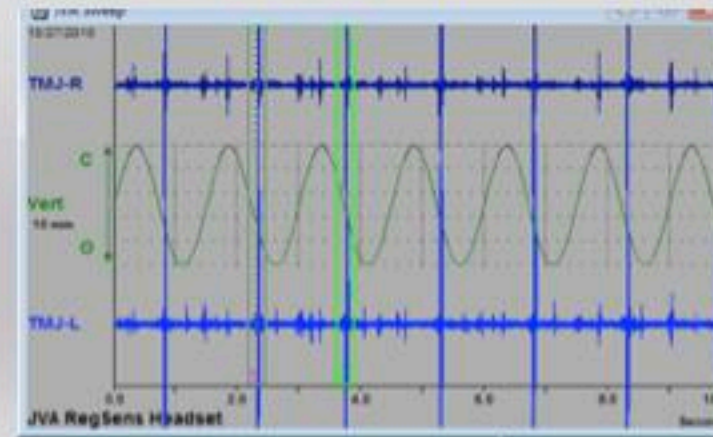
JVA gives you what happens in between
open and closed.

You then infer the start and finish

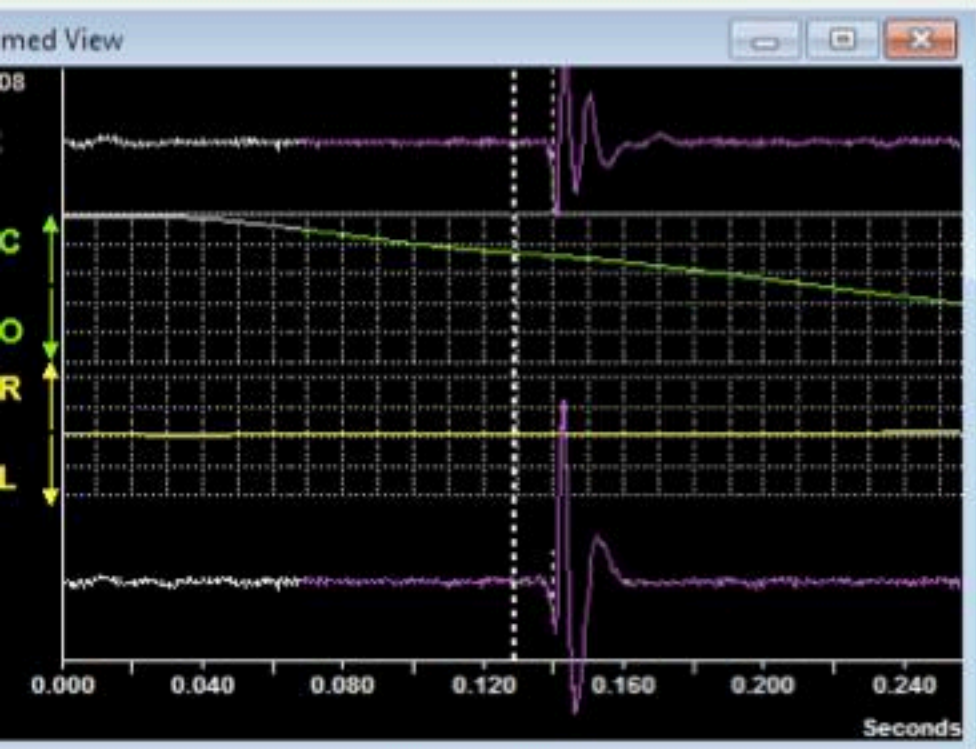


JVA records Objectively the vibrations of
the TMJ as you open and close.
Ability to compare from year to year.

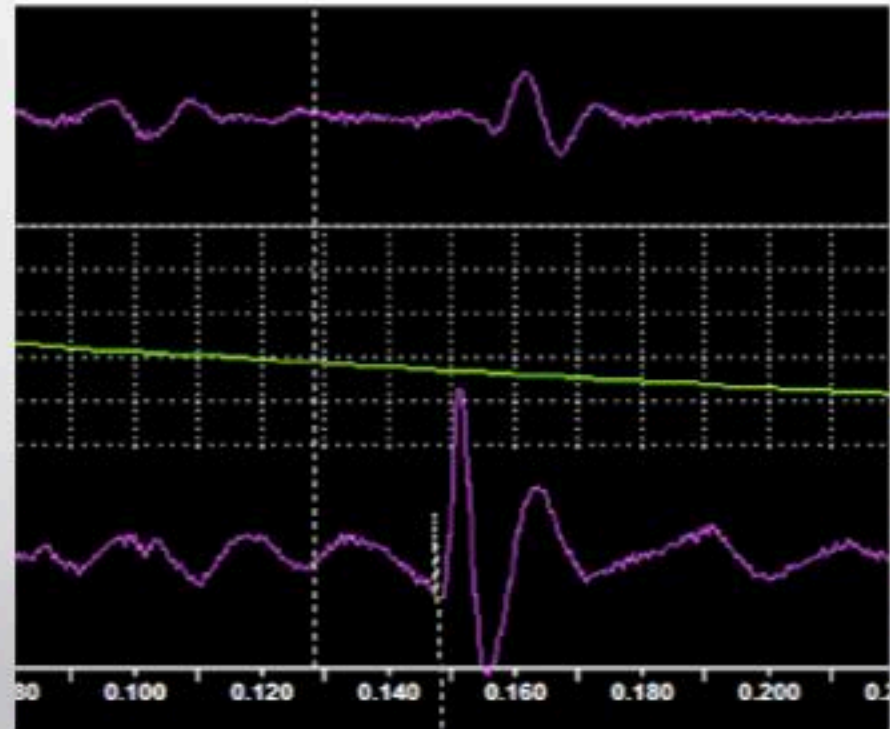
JVA allows you to view
the joint in function



Simple or Complex



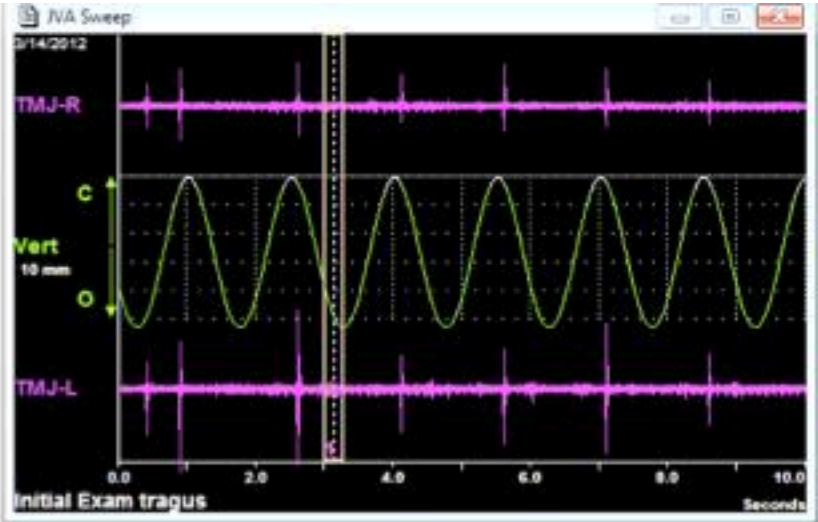
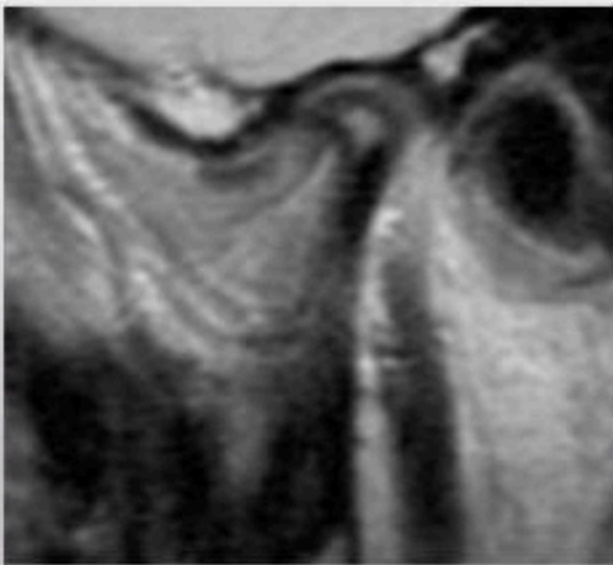
Simple left click with transference vibration to right
L4a



Complex Click
L3a, R4b

Well adapted bilateral anteriorly dislocated discs nonreducing

Max Open is 53mm
Total integral 4.6 Pascals

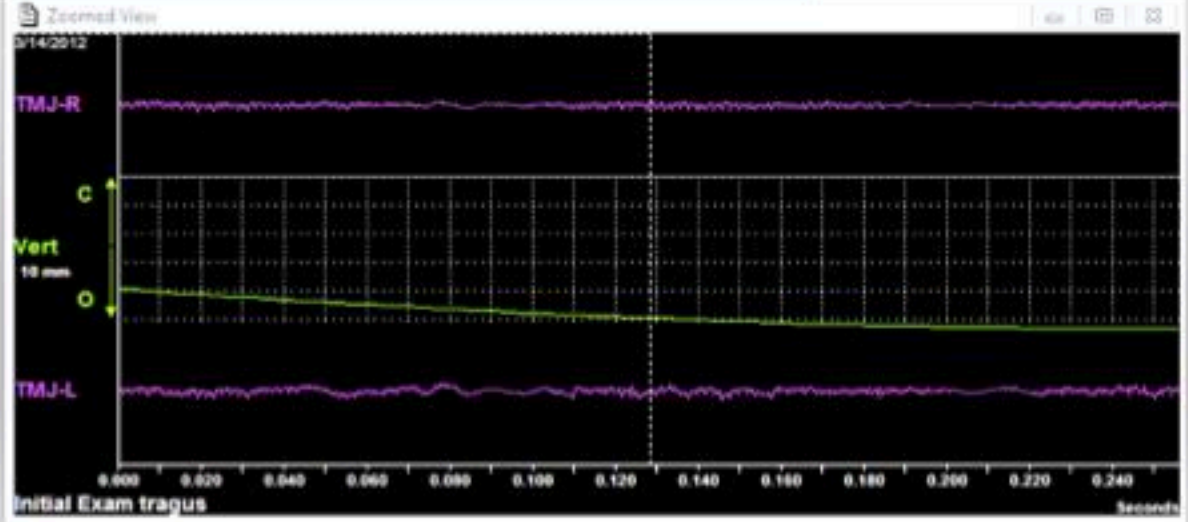


NVA Summary

Help

Narrative

	Average	
	Right	Left
Total Integral	2.5	4.6
Integral <300Hz	1.8	3.7
Integral >300Hz	0.7	1.0
>300/<300 Ratio	0.37	0.26
Peak Amplitude	0.2	0.4
Peak Frequency	498	33
Med. Frequency	166	107
Distance to CO		
Est. Velocity		
Max. Opening		53
Lat. Deflection		0



4b,4b

Why is Joint making this vibration?



Good Vibrations
Healthy Cartilage
No Movement



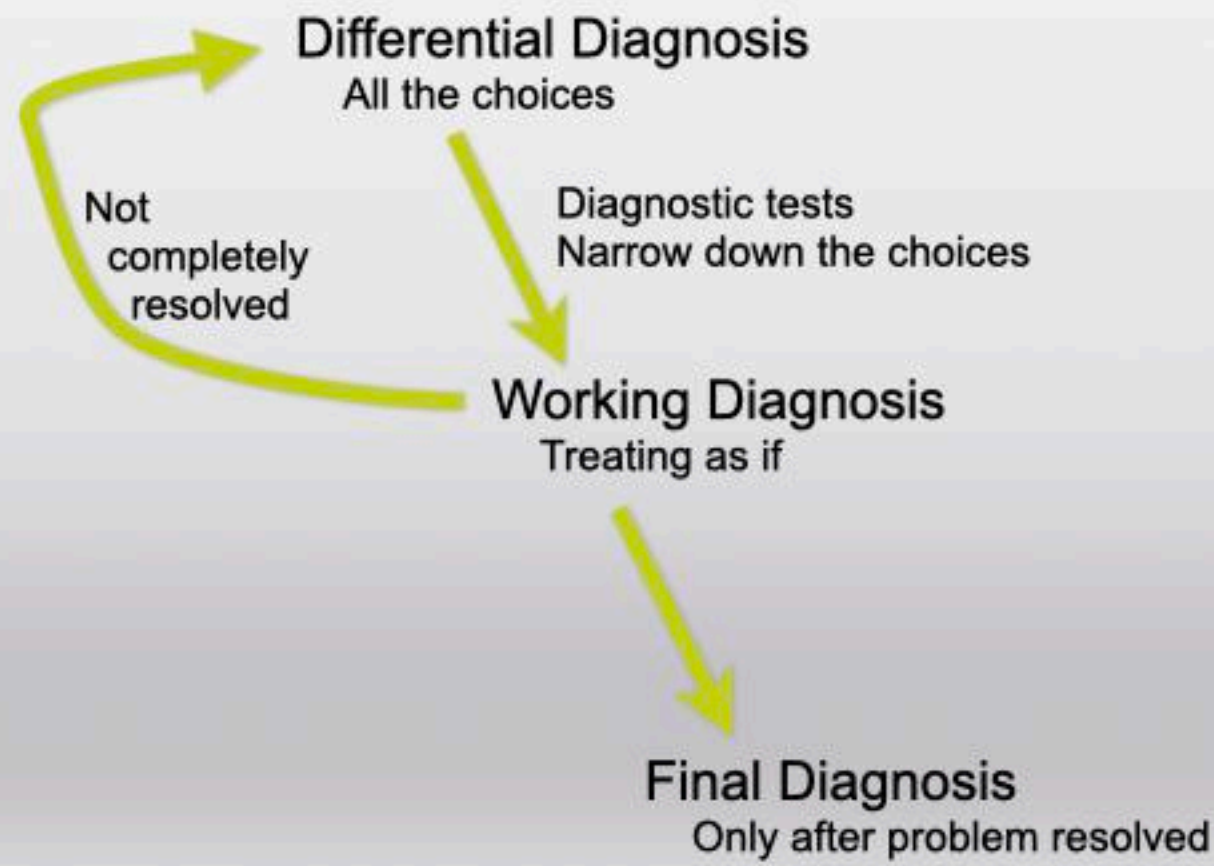
Wobble
Disc Dislocation
Disc Reduction
Disc subluxation
Joint subluxation
Condyle bumps Disc
Sensor roll on face



Click
Disc Reduction
Disc Dislocation
Adhesion Crackle
Tooth Tap
Contralateral Transference

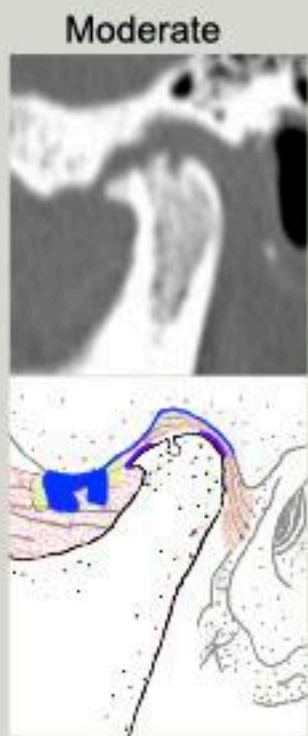
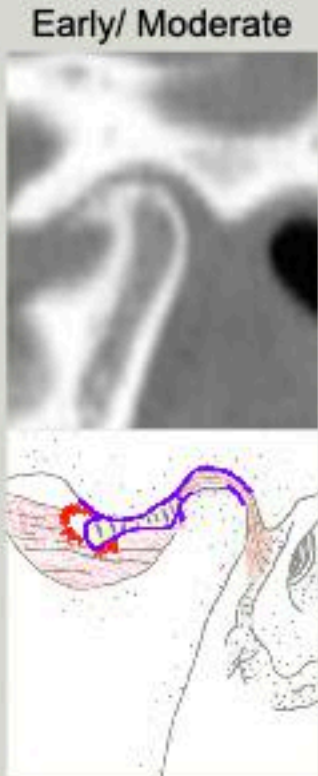
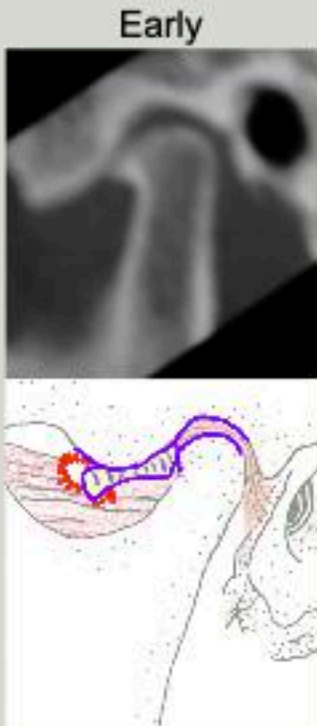
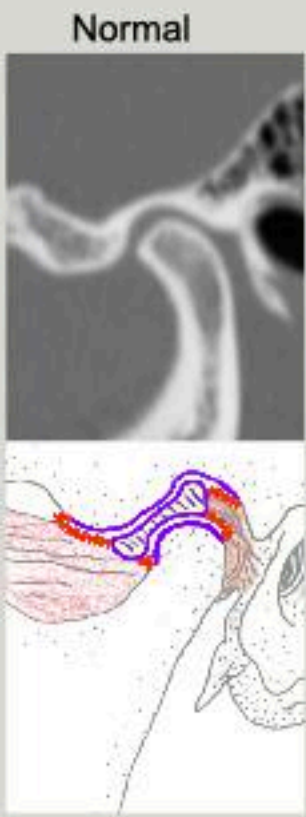


Scratch
Cartilage Fibrillation
Cartilage against tissue
Bone against bone
Velcro Noise



Osteoarthosis/Osteoarthritis

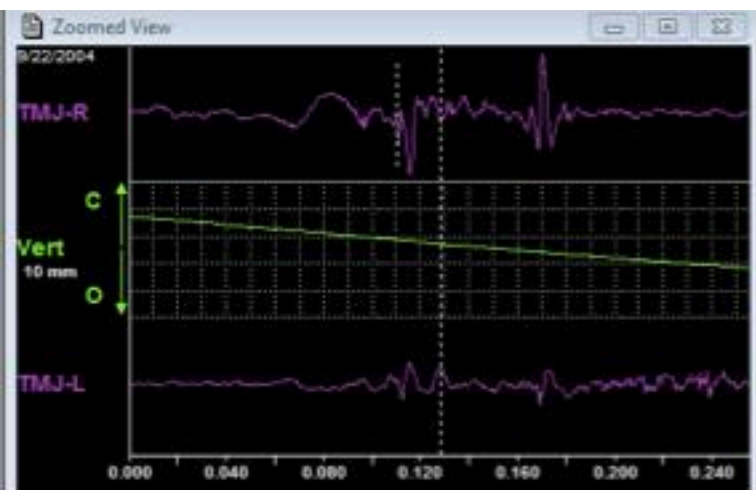
Healthy joints have no friction or wear.
Damaged joints have Friction. Friction causes wear.
OA is a wearing out of a joint which starts in cartilage.
Parafunction increases wear.



Representative examples of OA in different patients

Joint Vibration Analysis

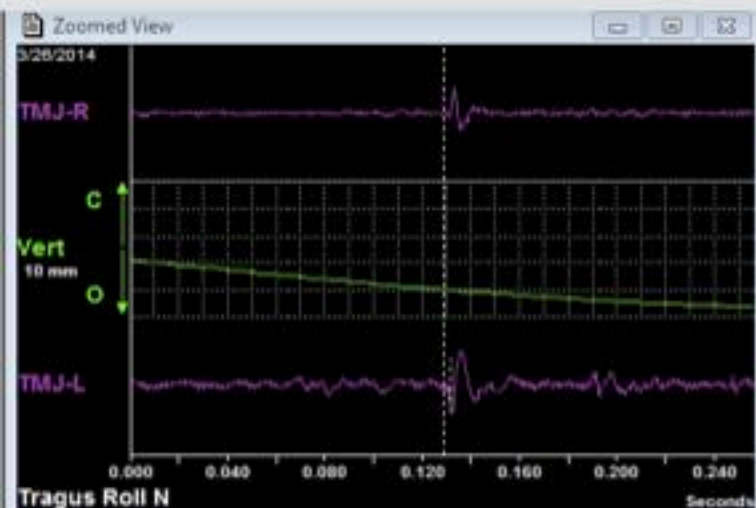
Osteoarthritis pre Treatment with NSAIDs



JVA Summary

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	Left	Right
Total Integral	11.3	24.6
Integral <300Hz	9.7	21.3
Integral >300Hz	1.7	3.4
>300/<300 Ratio	0.17	0.16
Peak Amplitude	0.8	2.3
Peak Frequency	21	29
Med. Frequency	107	119

2004



	Average	
	Left	Right
Total Integral	19.2	10.4
Integral <300Hz	17.4	8.8
Integral >300Hz	1.8	1.6
>300/<300 Ratio	0.11	0.18
Peak Amplitude	1.6	0.7
Peak Frequency	91	91
Med. Frequency	115	150

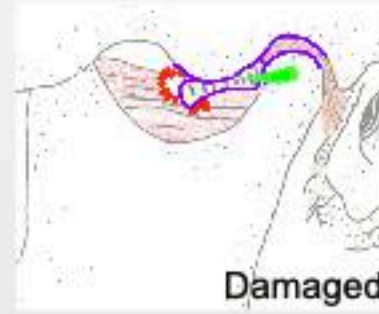
2014

Osteoarthrosis
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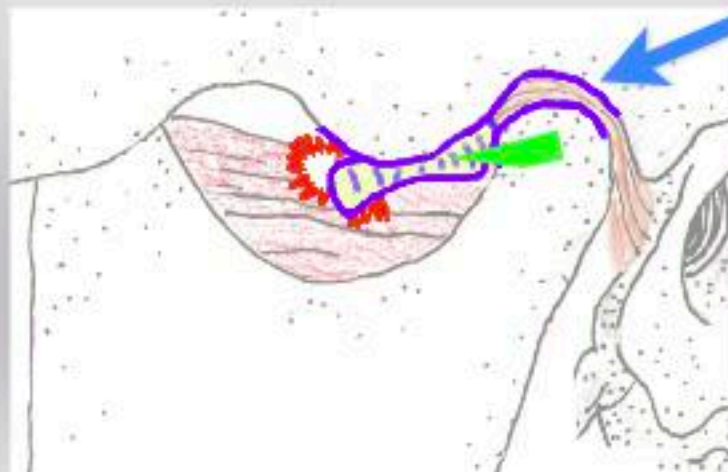
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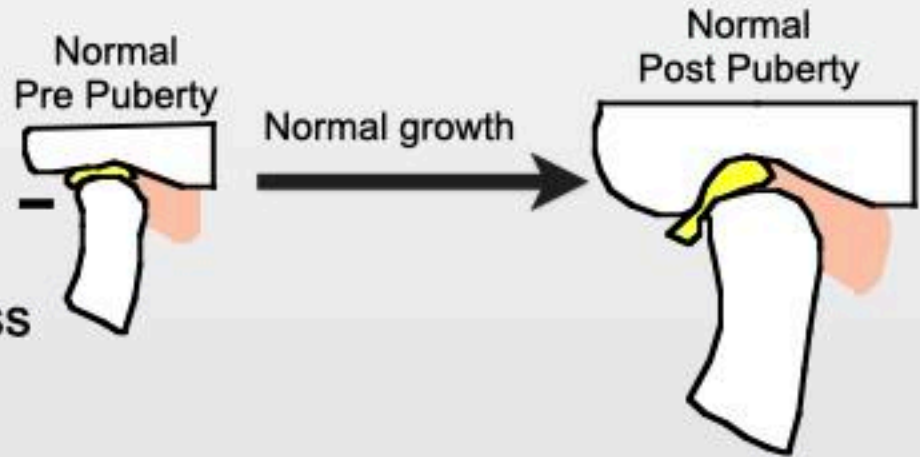
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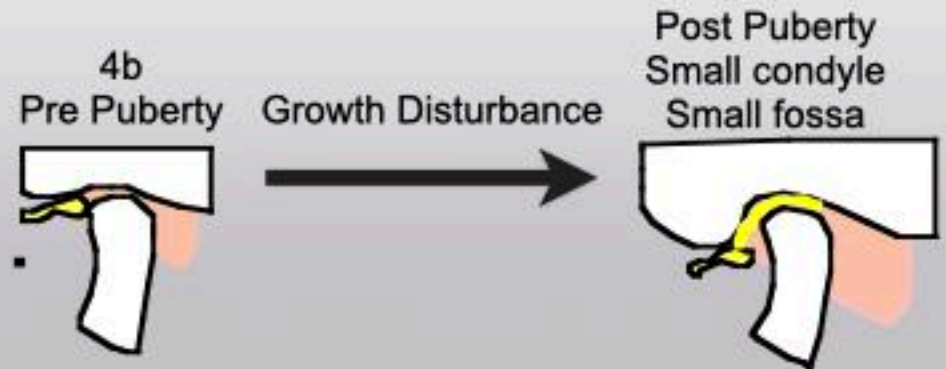
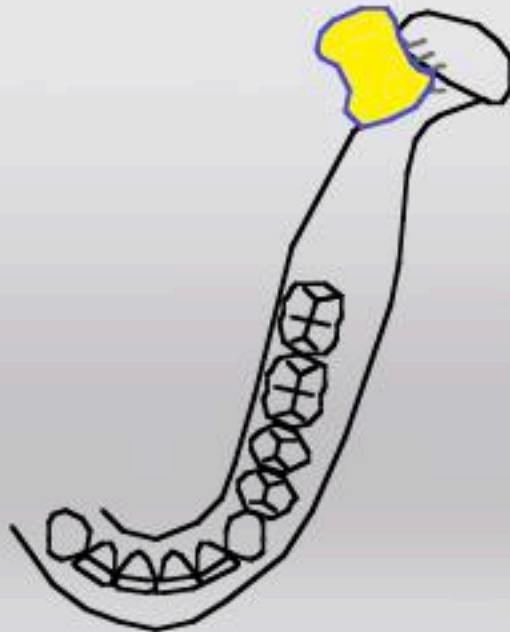
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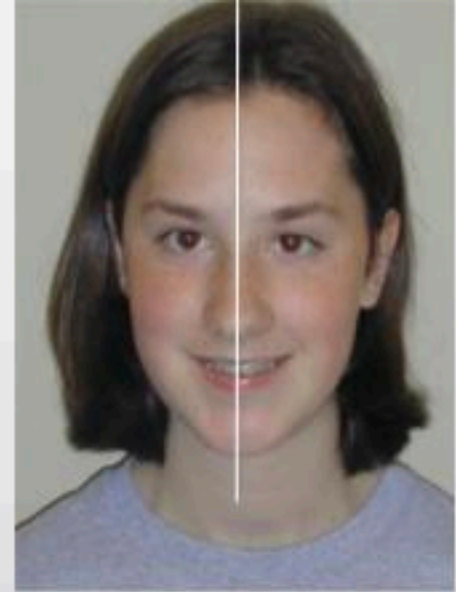


4b Pre-puberty is not a degenerative process

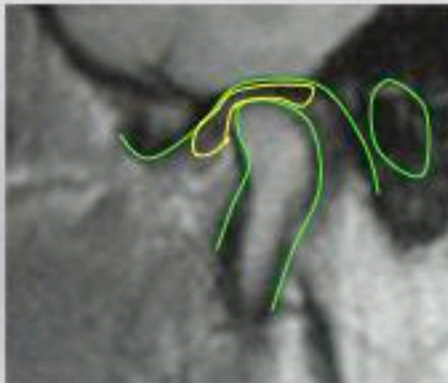
Can affect growth



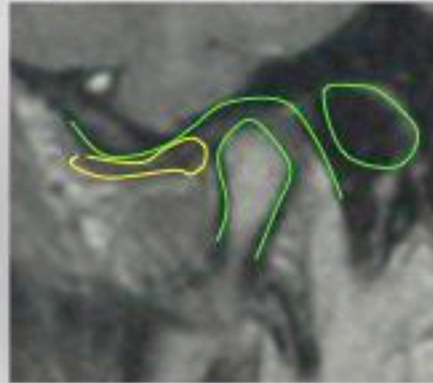
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R TMJ



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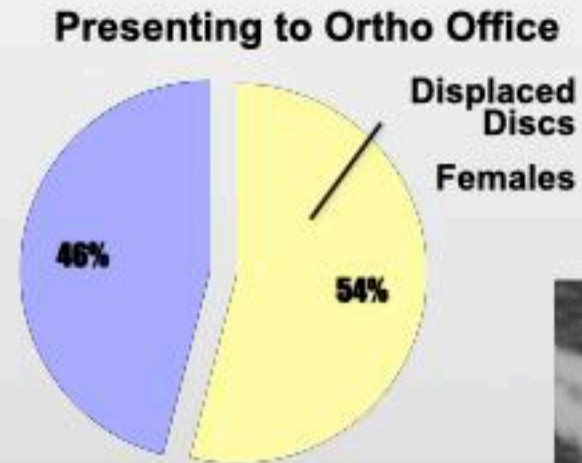
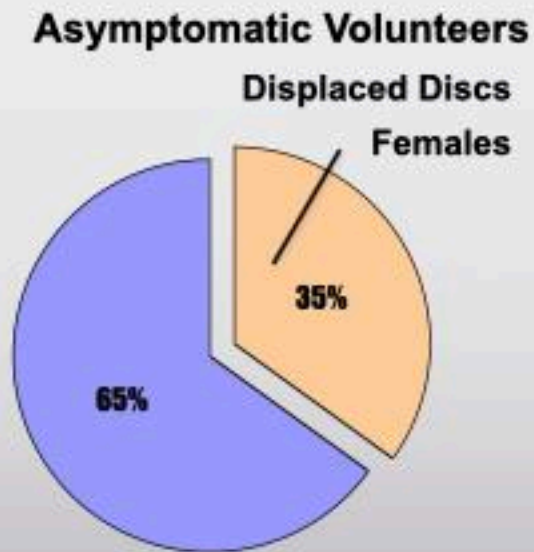
**Identical Twin
Sister Age 17**

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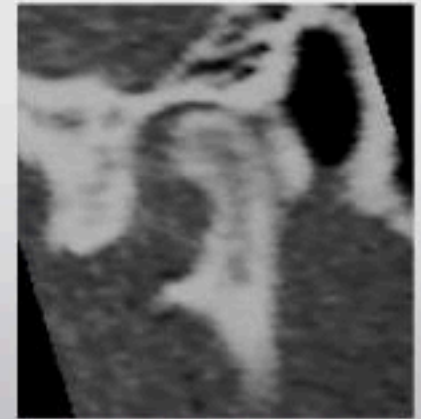
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TMJ Damage Prepuberty

Prevalence Displaced Discs



In patients with Displaced Discs
Condyles of Females Distalized
Significantly more than Males



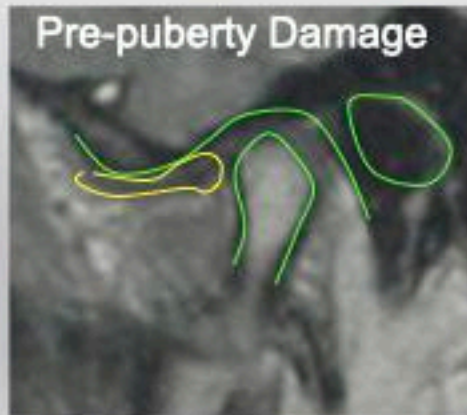
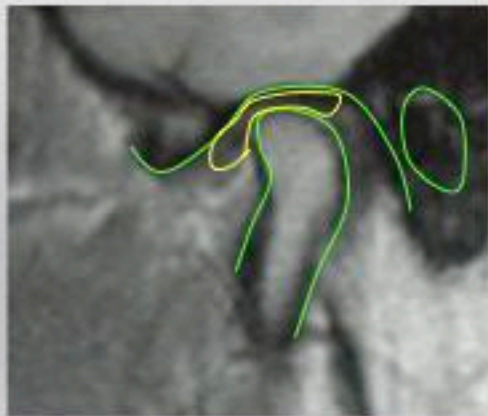
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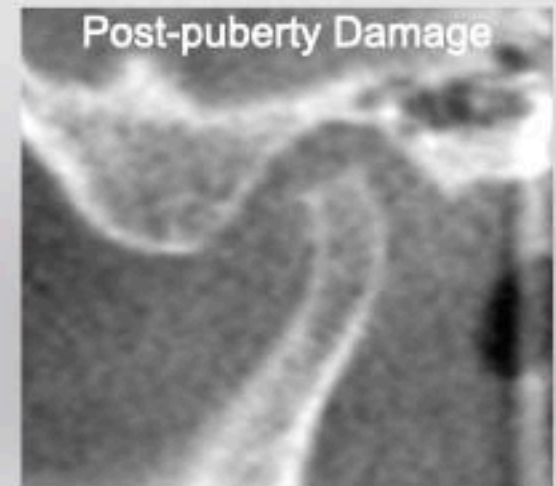


Small condyles due to TMJ damage:

Pre-puberty TMJ damage, the joints adapted, but did not grow.

Post-puberty TMJ damage will be a degenerative process.

Note ratio condyle size
to fossa size



What is the Clinical Relevance of TMJ Damage Post-Puberty?

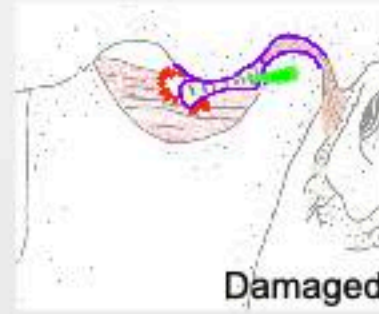
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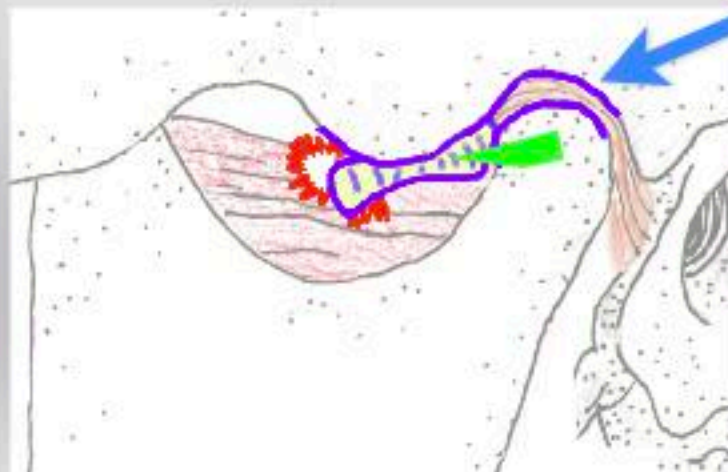
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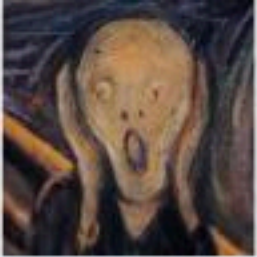


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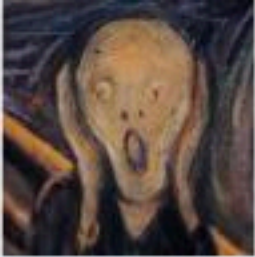


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Osteoarthritis



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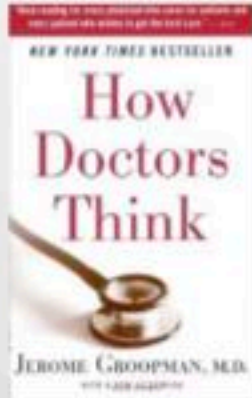
Leeuw, Boering, Stegenga, Bont,

Journal of Craniomandibular Practice, April 1995, vol. 13, No. 2

- University Hospital, Netherlands: 134 TMD patients, 30 year follow up
- Patients received good clinical work up and diagnosis 30 years ago, but basically no treatment
 - ┆ (Reassurance, PT, exercise, limited occlusal adjust)
- 70% satisfied with results
- 25% still had pain on movement
- 15% not able to eat hard foods
- 35 control patients had no apparent symptoms

Blinded by the Click

There is no rule that says you only get one disease



Always make a differential diagnostic list
Ask, " It appears to be this, but what else could it be?"
Be aware you are blinded by your beliefs

Jaw is clicking, ear pain

Jaw is clicking, sudden onset headache, 53 year old

Jaw is clicking, temple pain, pain increases with chewing, 62 year old

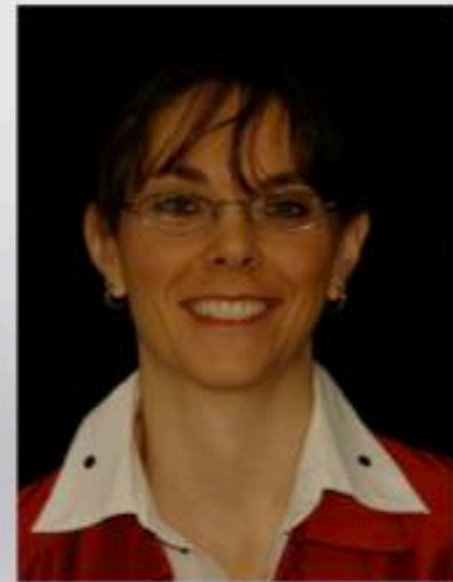
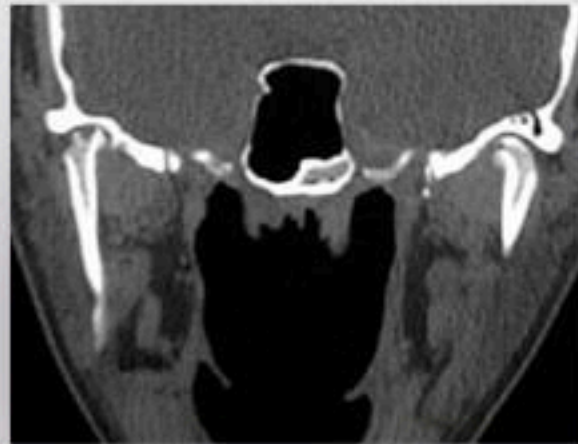
Jaw use to click, Jaw stopped clicking and can not open wide

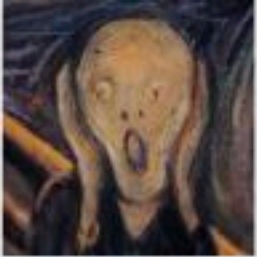
History is key, physical exam is next most important, palpate the muscles and joint.
Notice the age group does not fit OMD for the second and third patient.

**If you have a disease that is
one in a thousand, it is 100% for you**

There is no love sincerer than the love of food.

G. B. Shaw





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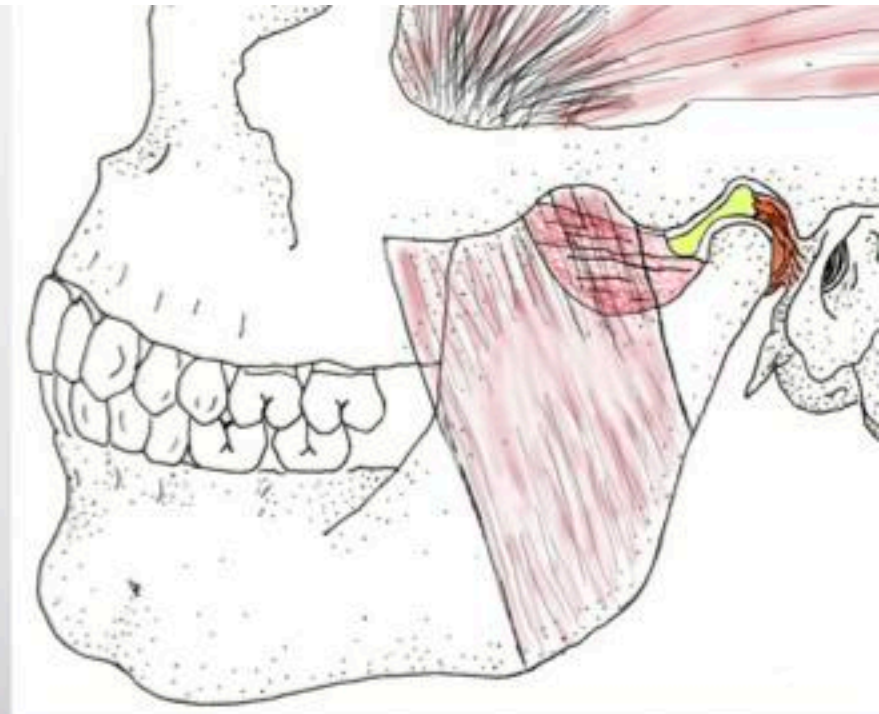
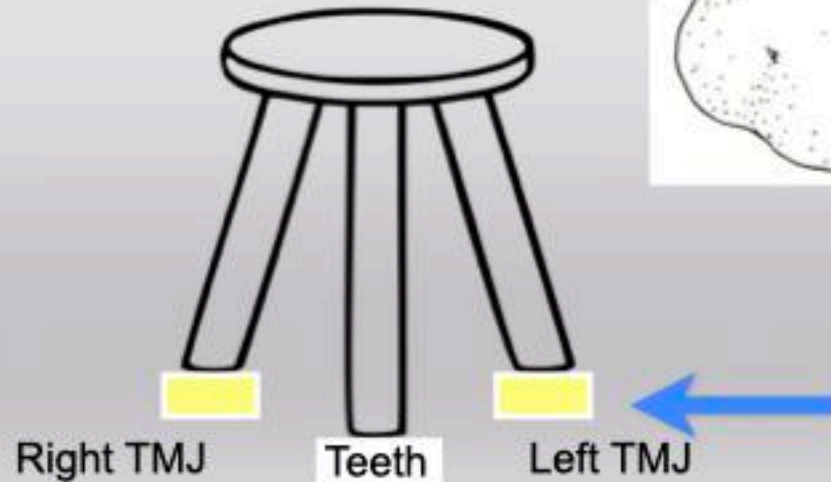
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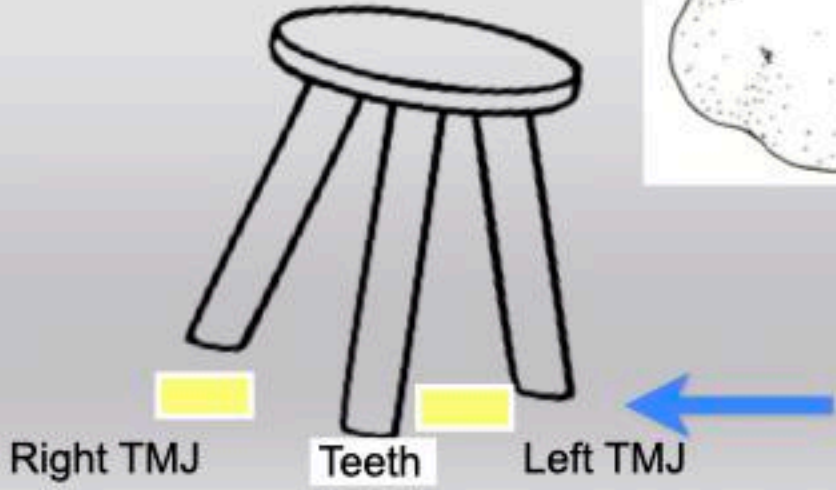
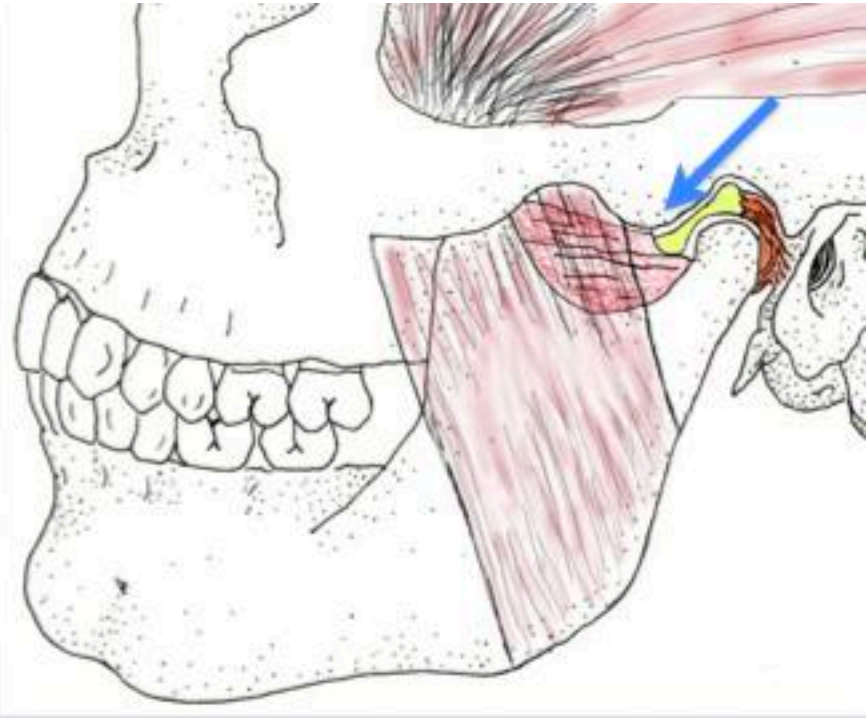
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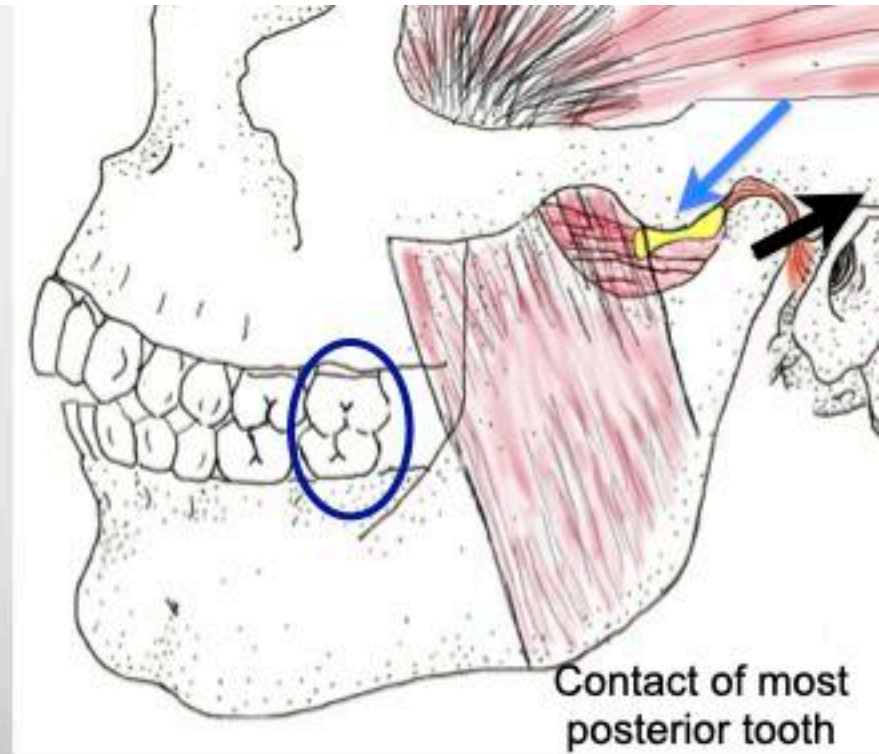
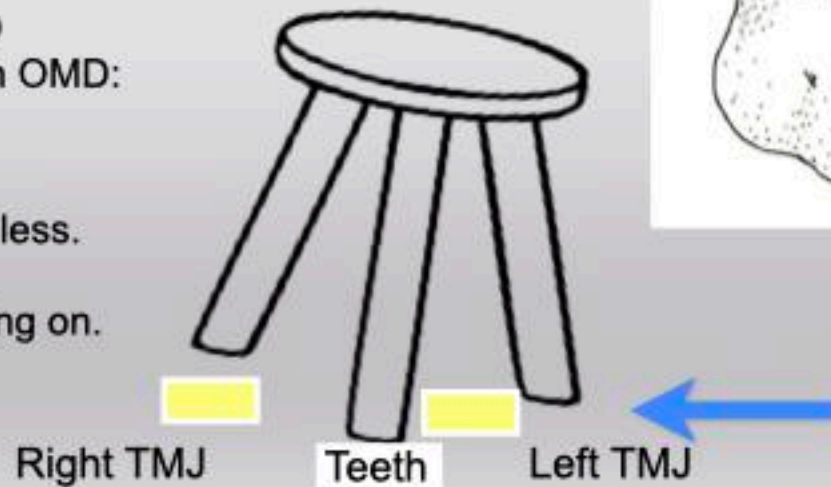
Damaged Joint with Malocclusion

85% damaged joints adapt favorably with respect to the TMJ.

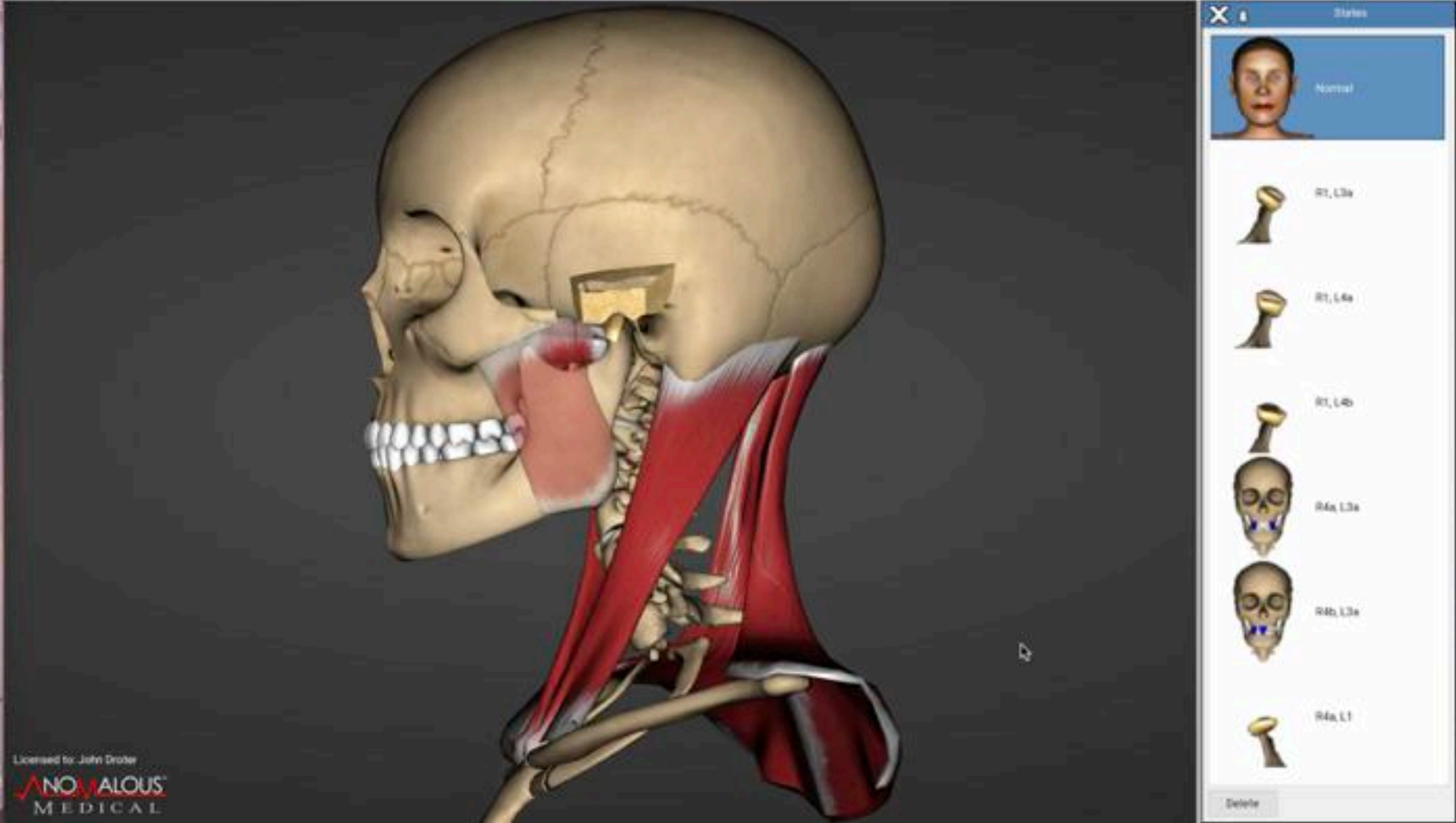
Anteriorly Dislocated Disc, Mandible shifts:
Inadequate Anterior Guidance, Posterior Disclusion
Uneven Occlusion,
CR≠MaxIC
Occlusal Muscle Disharmony develops.

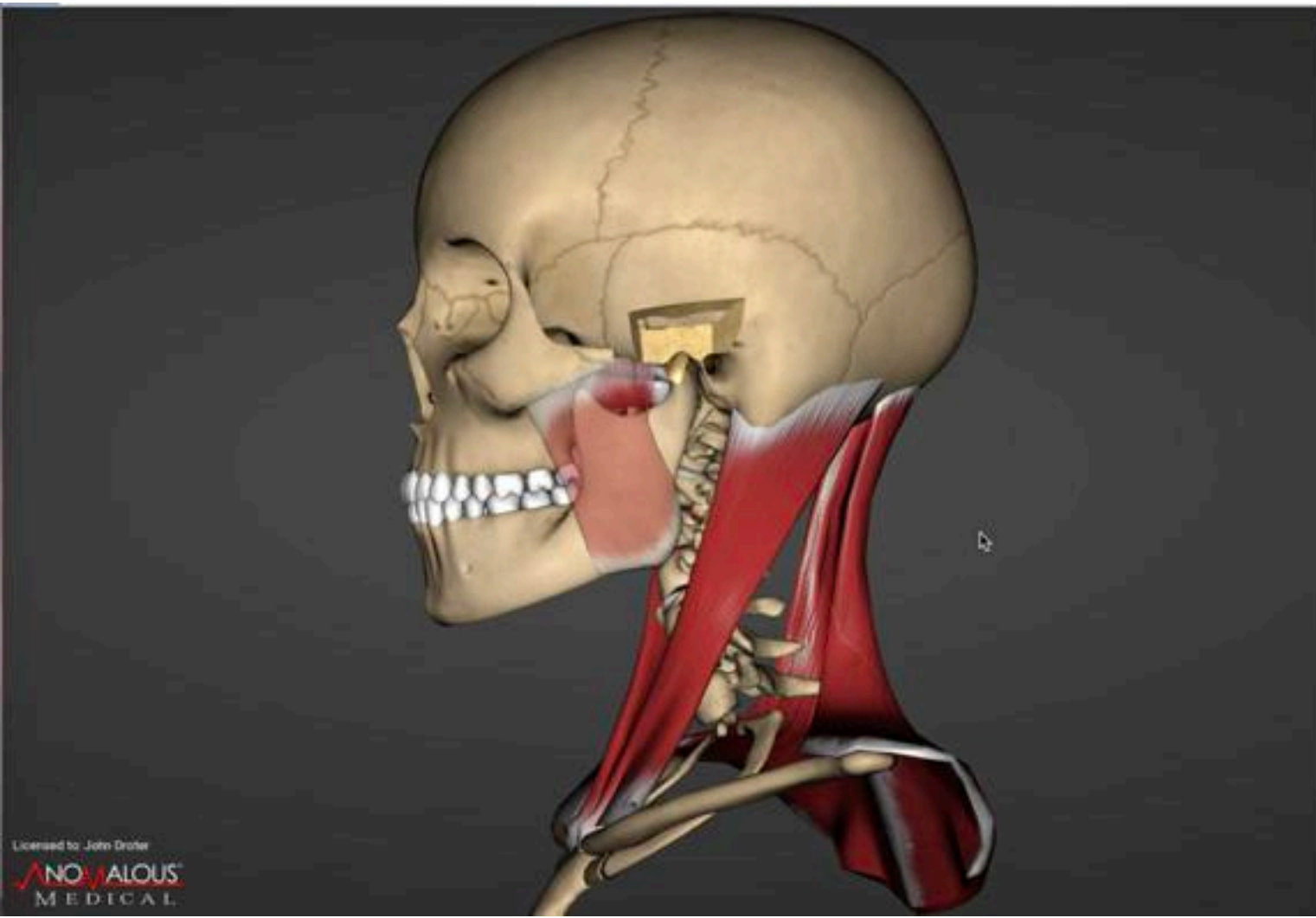
Treat Adapted joints with OMD
the same as healthy joints with OMD:
Occlusal Adjustment

CR≠MaxIC should be 2mm or less.
(Anterior Posterior 2mm)
If >2mm something else is going on.



Skull Anatomy 4a





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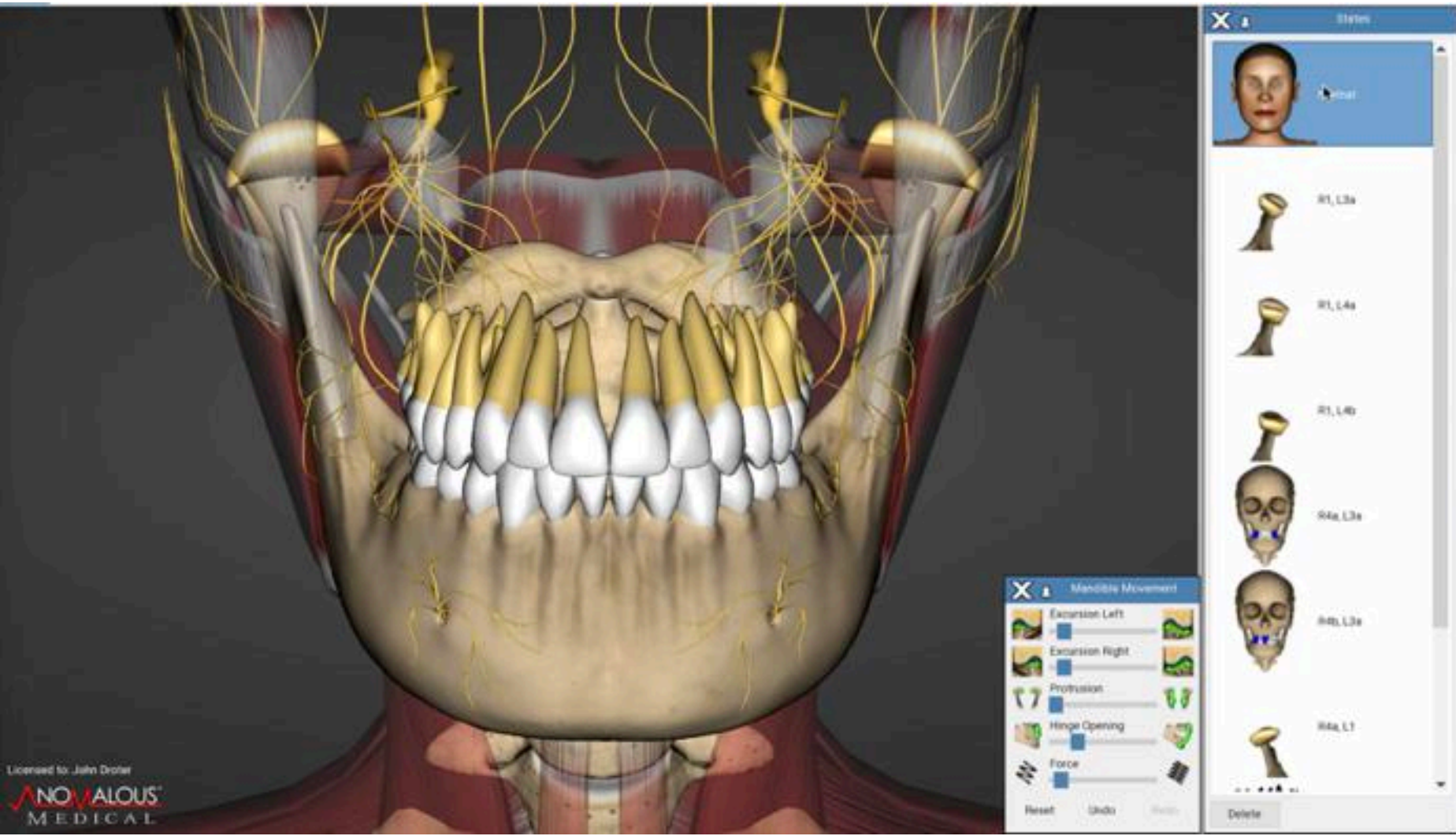


Normal

-  01, L3a
-  01, L4a
-  01, L4b
-  04a, L3a
-  04b, L3a
-  04b, L1

Delete

4a, 3a

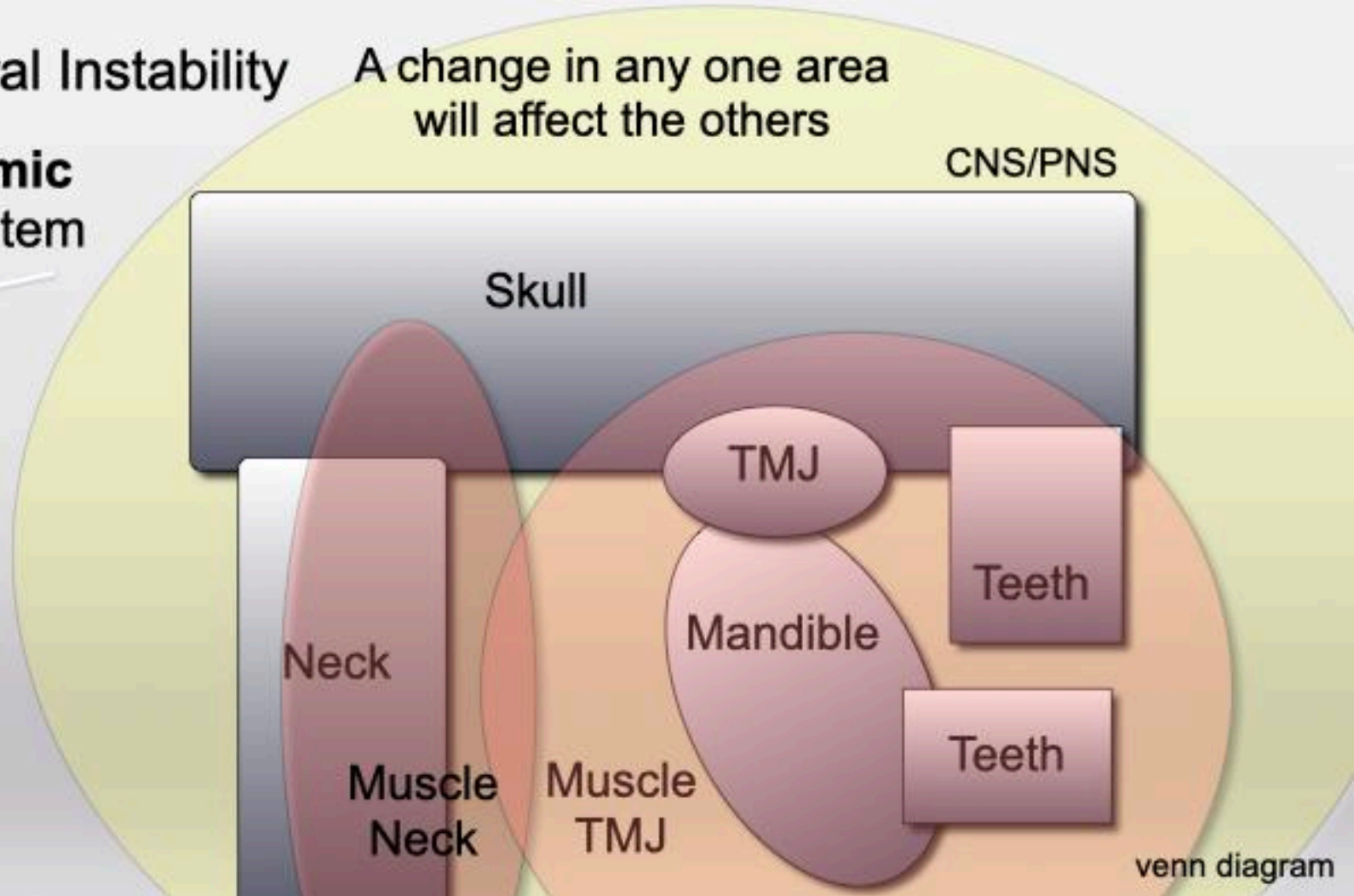
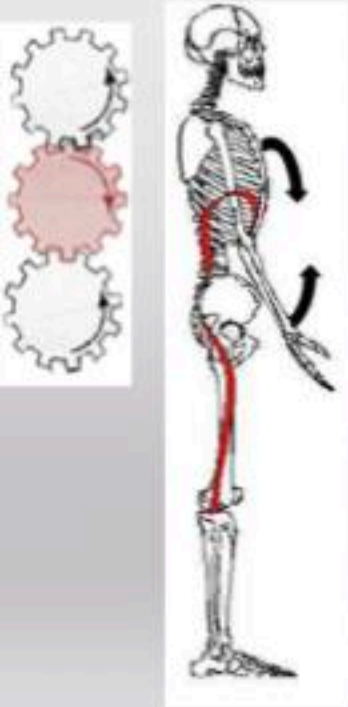


Occlusal Shift

Neck and Postural Instability

A change in any one area will affect the others

This is a **dynamic** orthopedic System



venn diagram

Occlusal Muscle Disharmony

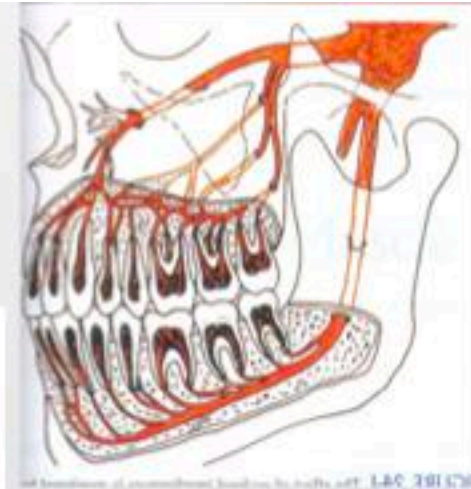
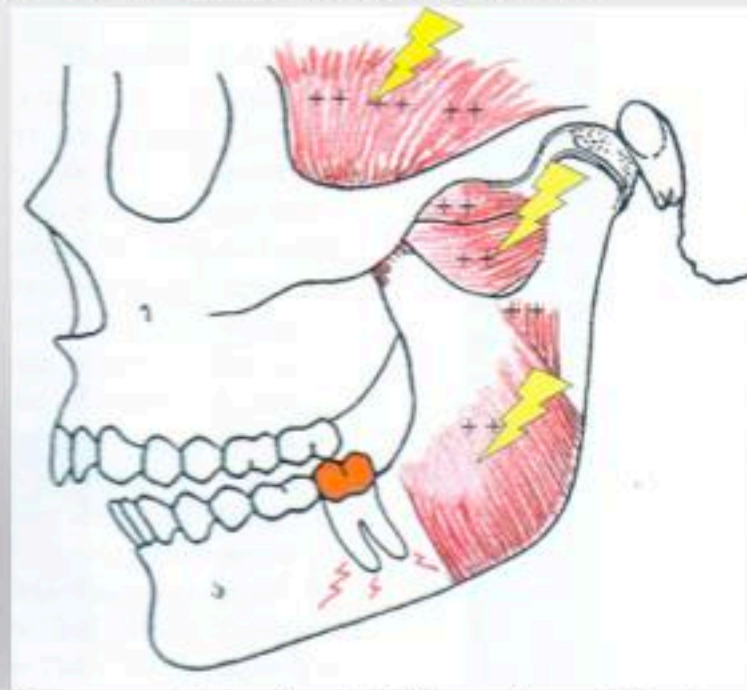
Uneven tooth contact with condyles fully seated triggers muscle activity

Lateral pterygoid fires out of sequence to create even tooth contact on closure

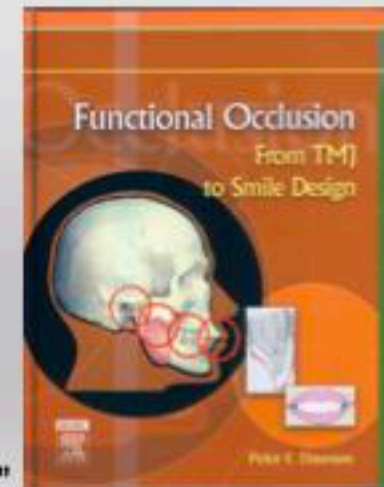
Disharmony in all muscles: Splinting/Bracing

Muscles sore from overuse

Muscles do not think- CNS input

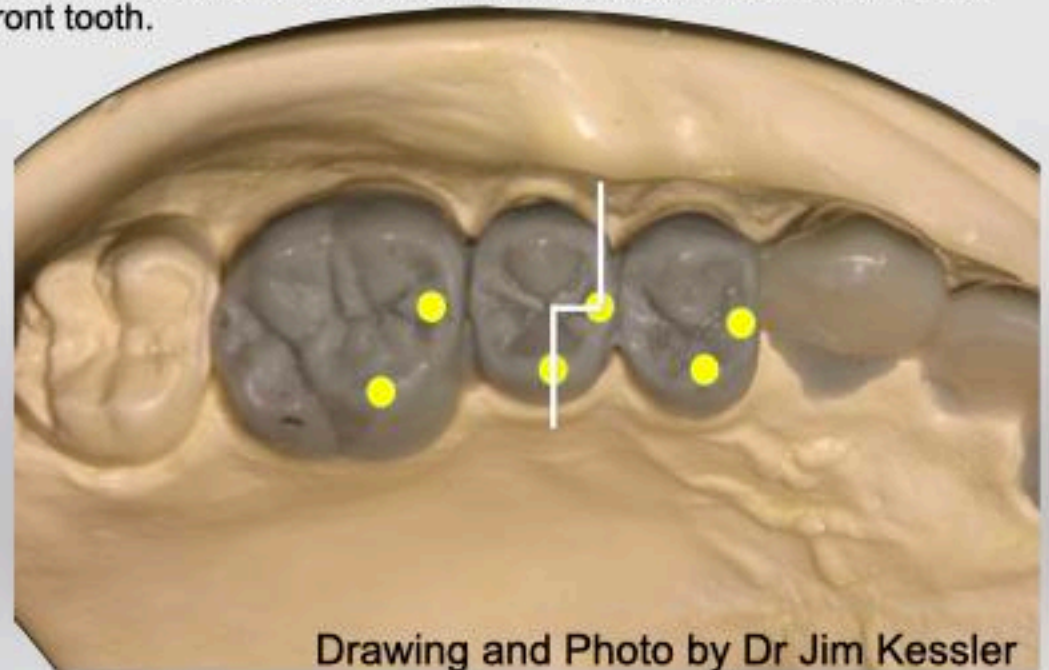
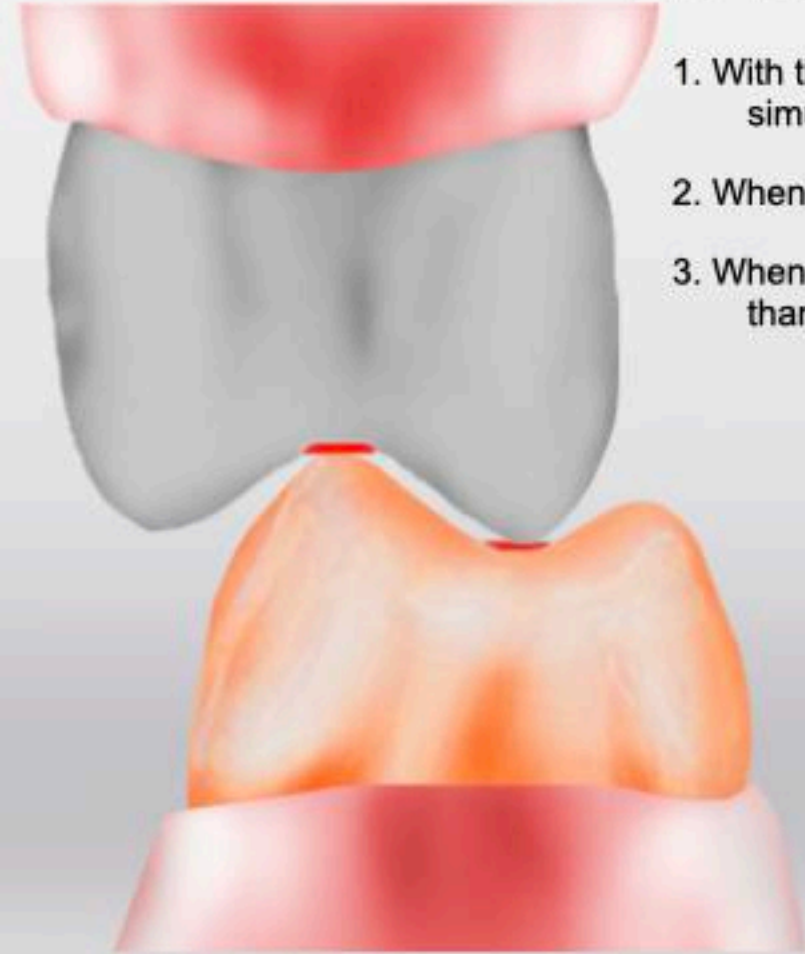


from Dawson's Textbook, "Functional Occlusion"



LD Pankey's 3 Rules of Occlusion (Clyde Schuyler)

1. With the condyles fully seated in the fossa, all the posterior teeth touch simultaneously and even, with the anterior teeth lightly touching.
2. When you squeeze, neither a tooth nor the mandible moves (in a lateral direction).
3. When you move the mandible in any excursion, no back tooth hits before, harder than, or after a front tooth.

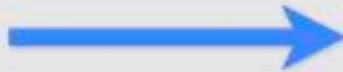


Drawing and Photo by Dr Jim Kessler

Treat Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction- Adjust the Occlusion



Teeth reshaped so all teeth hit even with condyles seated in fossa. Posterior teeth separate on lateral and anterior excursions.



Before

After



Occlusal Sculpting Tools, including Zirconia



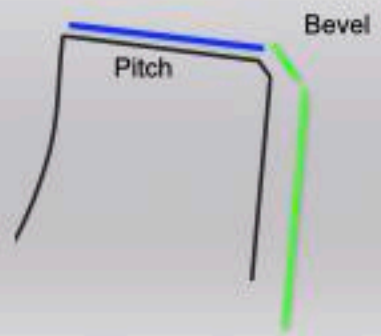
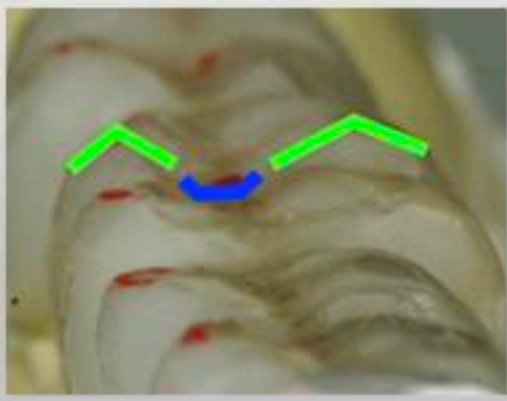
Wheel
 Create Cusp Landing Zone
 Flatten Incisal edges
 Bulk reduction of inclines



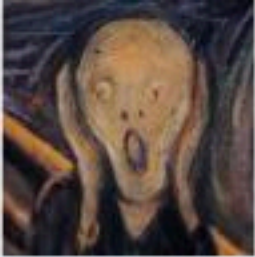
Move and Shape Cusps,
 Inclines, Facial Surfaces



Brassler Brio Shine
 FLBCER-1
 FLBF-2



Premier 860.9 F Wheel Diamond
 Premier 230 F Barrel Diamond
 Neodiamond 1118.7F Roundend taper
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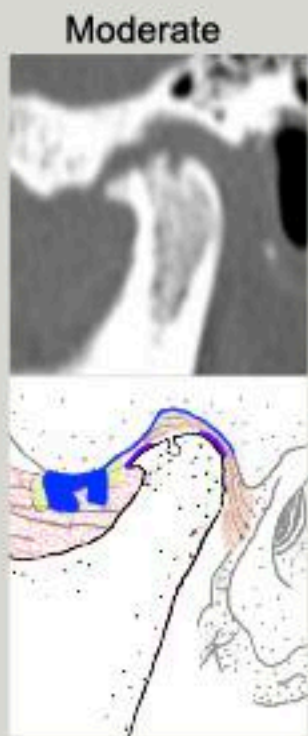
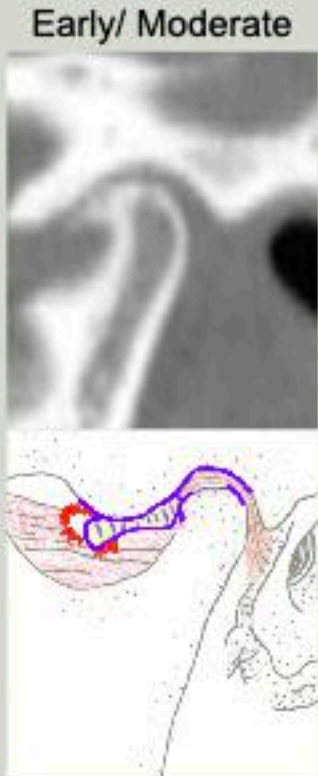
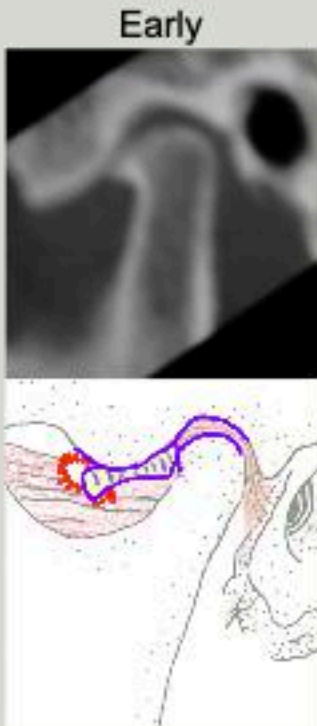
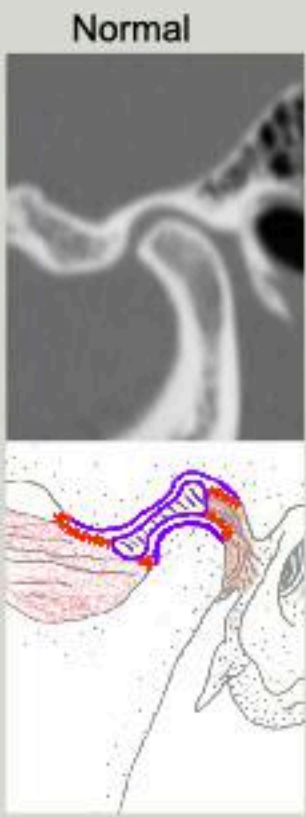


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Osteoarthrosis/Osteoarthritis

Healthy joints have no friction or wear.
Damaged joints have Friction. Friction causes wear.
OA is a wearing out of a joint which starts in cartilage.
Parafunction increases wear.

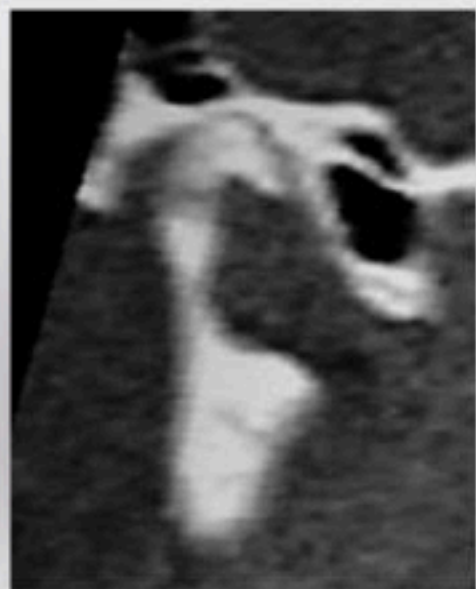


Representative examples of OA in different patients

Adaptation Chronic Bilateral Osteoarthritis

Mandible recedes Slowly
Teeth Move/ Adapt
Anterior Guidance gets steeper as Condylar Guidance get shallower

OA Right and Left Bone Loss
#8 Ankylosed



Treatment OA

Osteoarthritis

Minimize parafunction:

If sleep grinding due to airway:

CPAP or Dental Airway Device

Glucosamine 1500mg /Chondroitin 600 mg



Shea Brand CBD

Osteoarthritis

All of the above plus eliminate inflammation.....

NSAIDs

Cold Laser

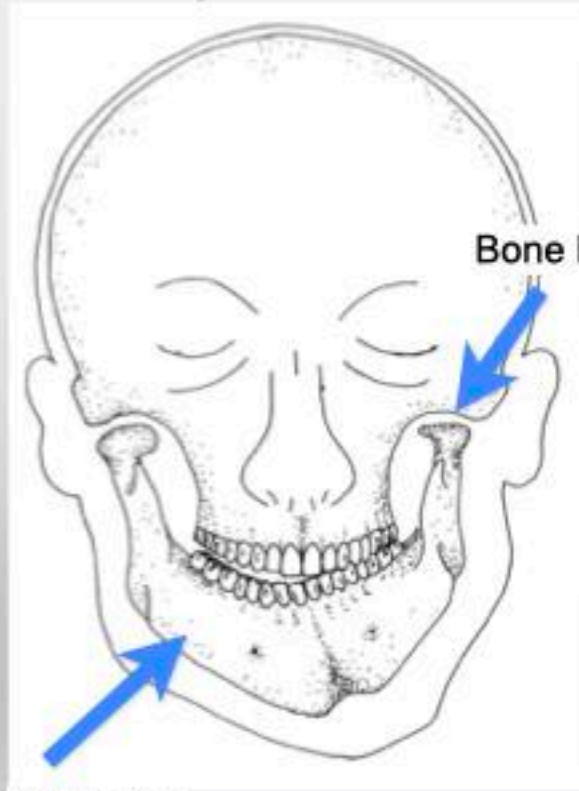
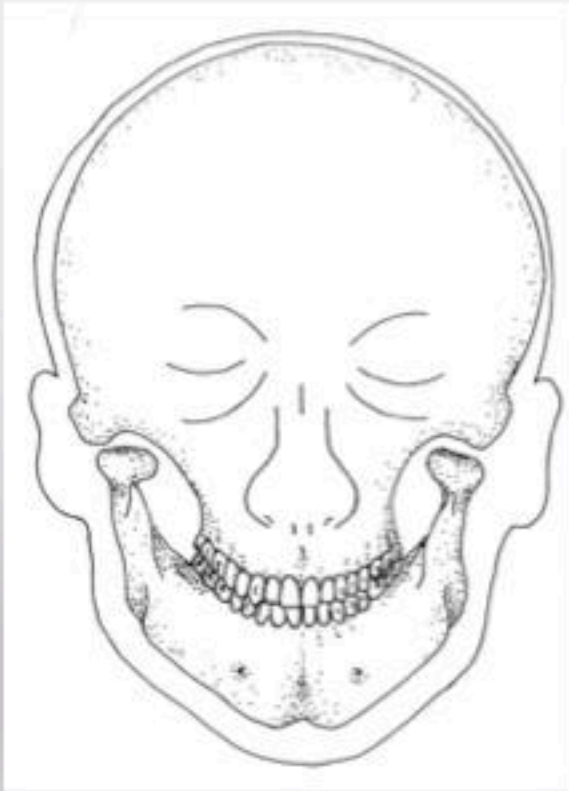
If still inflamed arthrocentesis with
Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP)



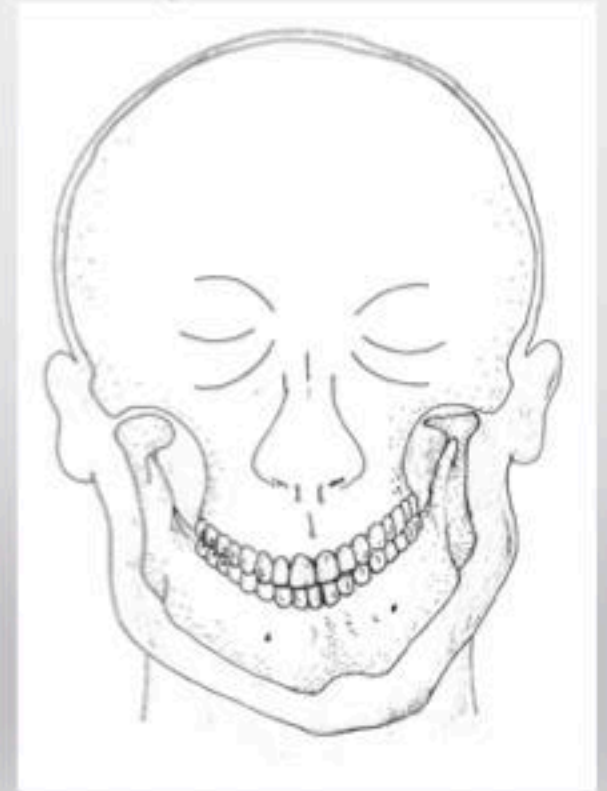
MLS Laser
3x week for 3 weeks

Diseases that cause bone loss in the TMJ alter the Occlusion

Condylar Bone Loss



Adaptation Over Time



Open Bite

Drawings by Gretta Tomb, DDS

What happens if you lose 2mm joint height in both Right and Left TMJ?

Can lose joint height with bone loss or disc displacement



Minus 2mm TMJ RL joint height



Diseases that cause bone loss in Joints

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Overgrowth of Synovium into joint space
Pannus- Inflammatory tissue in joint
Cartilage dies lack of synovial fluid flow

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Weird = Lyme Disease
Lyme Test has many false negatives

Gout
Uric Acid crystallizes in joint

Psoriatic Arthritis: Look for dry skin patches

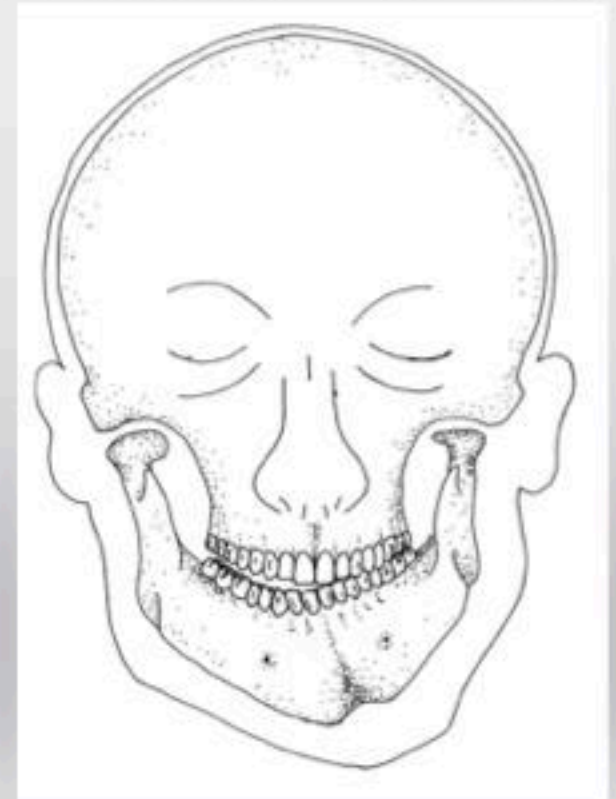
Rule cancer out early, rule it out often.
Any sudden onset pain after 50 is suspect

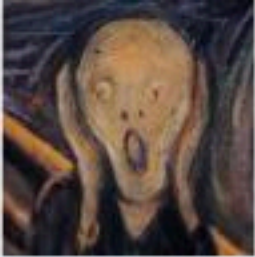
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3 diseases are associated with TMJ disc dislocation

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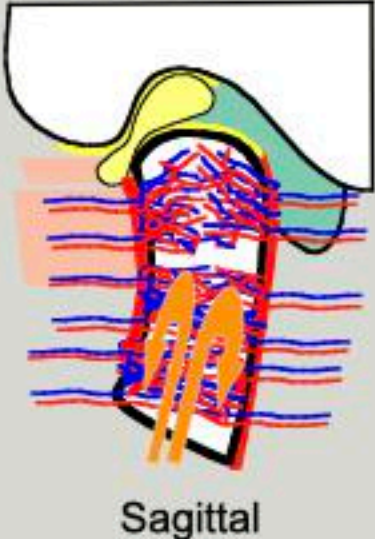
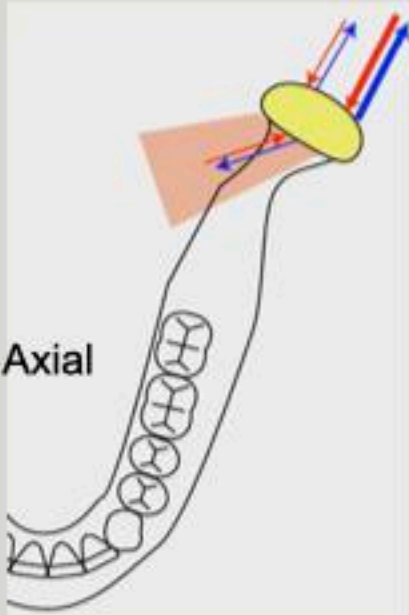


Front teeth use to touch 1 year ago



Condylar Perfusion

Blood flows in and out of the condylar head through vessels that pierce the cortex



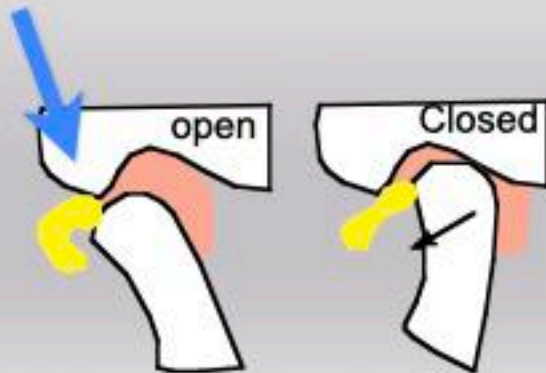
When the clicking stops (4a to 4b):

Condyle Distalized

Venous return compromised

Compromised Condylar Perfusion
Blood flow through condyle is decreased

Disc Anterior

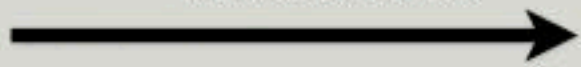


3 Outcomes of Compromised Condylar Perfusion

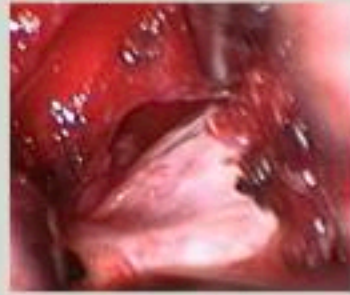


Bone cells die

Avascular Necrosis



One and Done
 Condyle collapses 1y later.
 Cartilage remains intact
 Occlusion shifts once, AVN is finished.



Nothing

Compromised but adequate.
 99% patients have no problems



or

Inflammatory Tissue Bone Resorption

Cortex Collapses, Cartilage tears
 Inflamed tissue contacting bone
 Inflammatory cells activate Osteoclasts

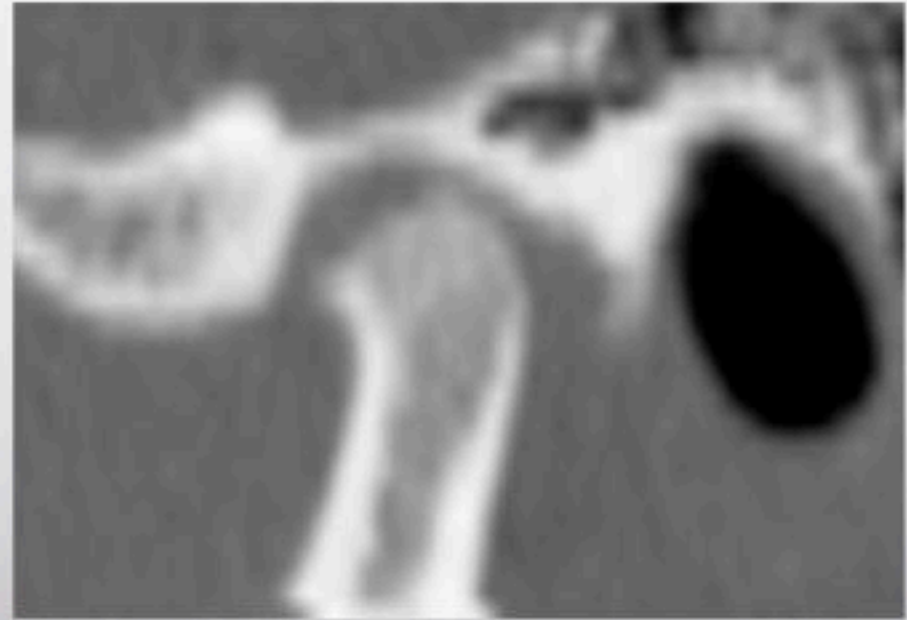


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Hypoxia Induced Progressive Condylar Resorption HI-PCR

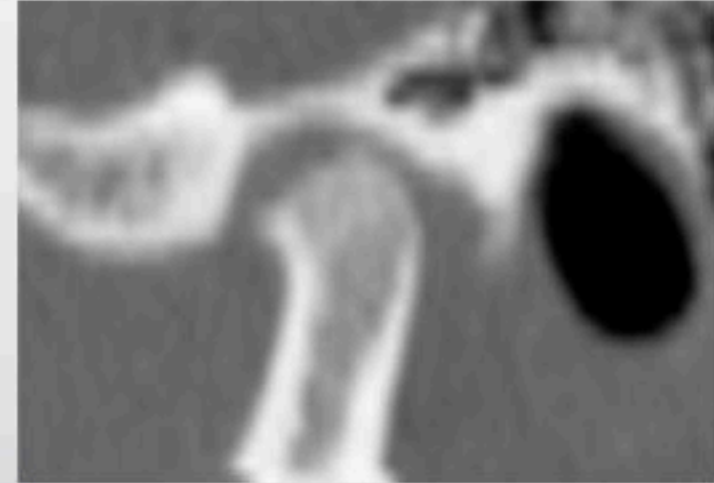
On CT see Flat condylar surface
Missing Subchondral Cortex During Active Phase
Slow, Progressive Condylar Resorption

Occlusion will constantly be changing



1 year after the clicking stops is the “Danger Zone”

Look for TMJ bone loss, anterior open bite developing
Avascular Necrosis
Hypoxia Induced Progressive Condylar Resorption



After clicking stops:

Get CT or CBCT scan of the TMJ
Maintain jaw motion: PT, exercises
Get photos
Mounted models
Monitor occlusion over the next year
Follow up CBCT scan 1 year later
After 1 year “Adapted Favorably”



\$558,000 Malpractice Verdict

Failure to diagnose condylar resorption during orthodontic treatment

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Additional Dental Malpractice Verdicts

\$558,000 VERDICT - Failure to diagnose Condylar Resorption - Excessive use of cervical head-gear as part of orthodontic treatment - TMJ Syndrome - Occlusal deficiencies - Chiropractic recommended for injured plaintiff.

This dental malpractice action was brought on behalf of the minor female plaintiff, age 11 at the time in question, against her treating orthodontist. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant failed to diagnose idiopathic condylar resorption (a condition similar to osteoarthritis) and excessively utilized cervical head gear in her orthodontic treatment, causing permanent mouth and jaw injuries.

The minor plaintiff treated with the defendant for approximately two years for a Class II malocclusion (secondary to crowding in the upper arch), a mild low angle and a deep bite/overbite. The defendant prescribed cervical head-gear, composed of a wire which connects behind the head to pull the molars rearward and leave more room for the incisors. The plaintiff wore the headgear for approximately nine months.

The plaintiff's dental experts testified that the plaintiff suffered from condylar resorption of the jaw during the time period the plaintiff was under the defendant's care and that the condition would have been evident on x-ray. The plaintiff contended that the standard of care required the defendant to stop all orthodontic treatment under these circumstances and allow

the condylar resorption to run its course. The plaintiff contended that the defendant failed to recognize that the plaintiff's jaw was relaxing open due to the loss of calcification of the teeth and jaw associated with condylar resorption and that the defendant negligently attempted to reverse the open bite by inappropriate methodology.

The plaintiff's dental expert testified that the methodology employed by the defendant worsened the plaintiff's open bite, causing her to develop TMJ Syndrome and requiring a future Labret (lower jaw) resection. The cost of the plaintiff's surgery was estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000, according to the plaintiff's oral surgeon. The plaintiff alleged that had the defendant performed a proper examination, treated the dental dysfunction

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adequately and referred her to the proper specialist, the plaintiff would have suffered no injury.

The defendant denied negligence and contended that the plaintiff's resorption process was not detectable with any routine diagnostic study normally used in orthodontic treatment. The defense expert opined that the treatment provided by the defendant conformed with the standard. The defense expert additionally maintained that all injuries suffered by the plaintiff were the result of her idiopathic condition. The defendant asserted that he made a timely referral to an oral surgeon who diagnosed the bilateral condylar resorption, a rare condition which is not well understood by the medical community.

The jury found for the plaintiff and awarded \$558,000.

CREDITS

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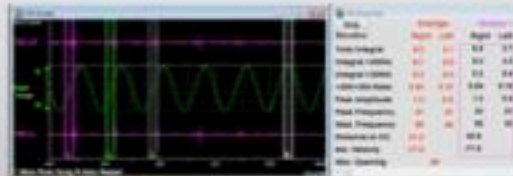
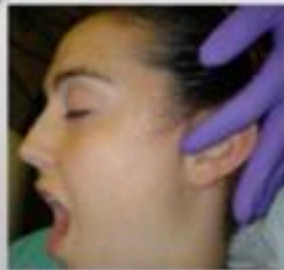
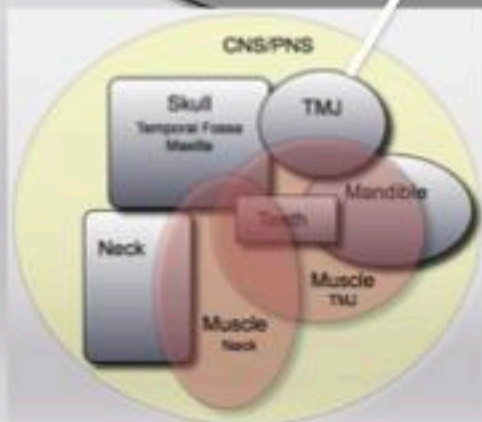
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Adult Onset Anterior Open Bite Differential Diagnosis

Developed Post-Puberty



TMJ has changed

TMJ Bone Loss (See bone loss choices)

Recent Large Disc Displacement

Condylar Fracture

Teeth have moved

Tongue- used as occlusal cushion

Tongue used to stabilize neck or TMJ

Iatrogenic- Orthotics, Retainers

Both have loss of anterior coupling

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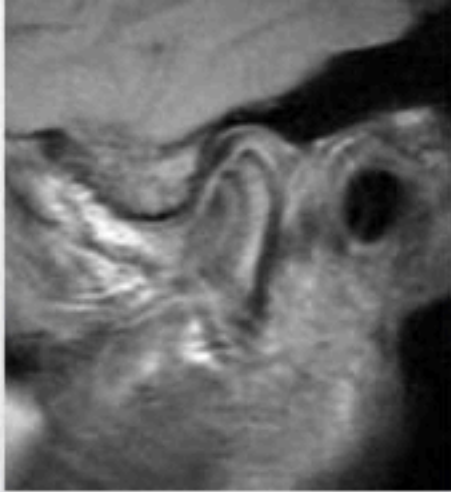
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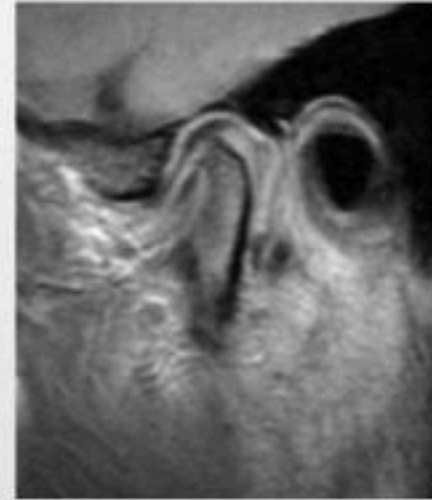
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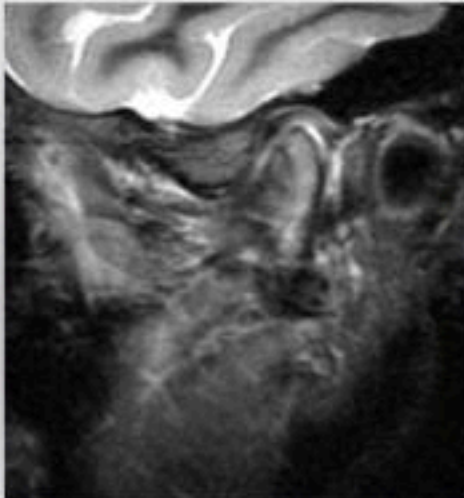
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R2,L2



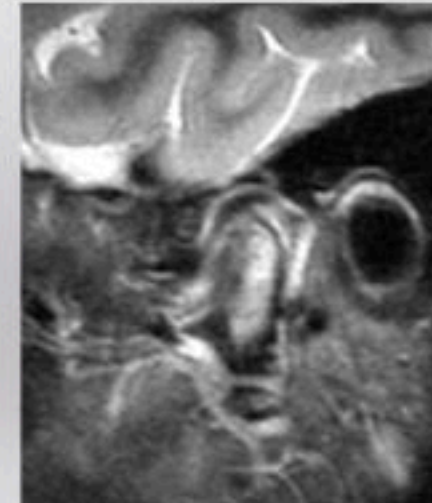
Right
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Tx: NSAID (Aleve 220mg bid), Doxycycline 20mg bid

Condylar Distraction

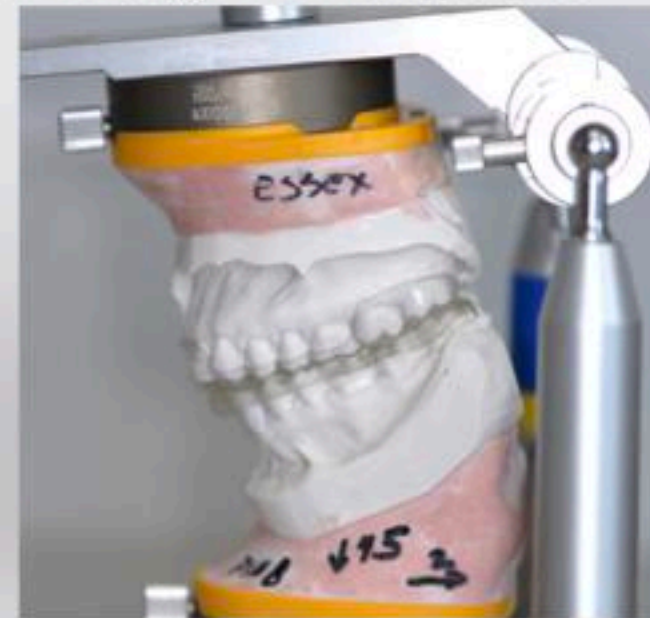
Rheumatologist and Infectious Ds MD add Plaquenil- Lyme neg, RhA neg, Equivocal bebosa bacteria

Distract Condyles on SAM MPV Articulator

Right down 6.2, back 2mm, Left down 4.5, back 2mm

Make upper essex, Lower full coverage indexed appliance

Switched Aleve to
Meloxicam 7.5mg bid at 4 weeks
due to joints still sore



Distraction orthotic try in
prior to start



2 months

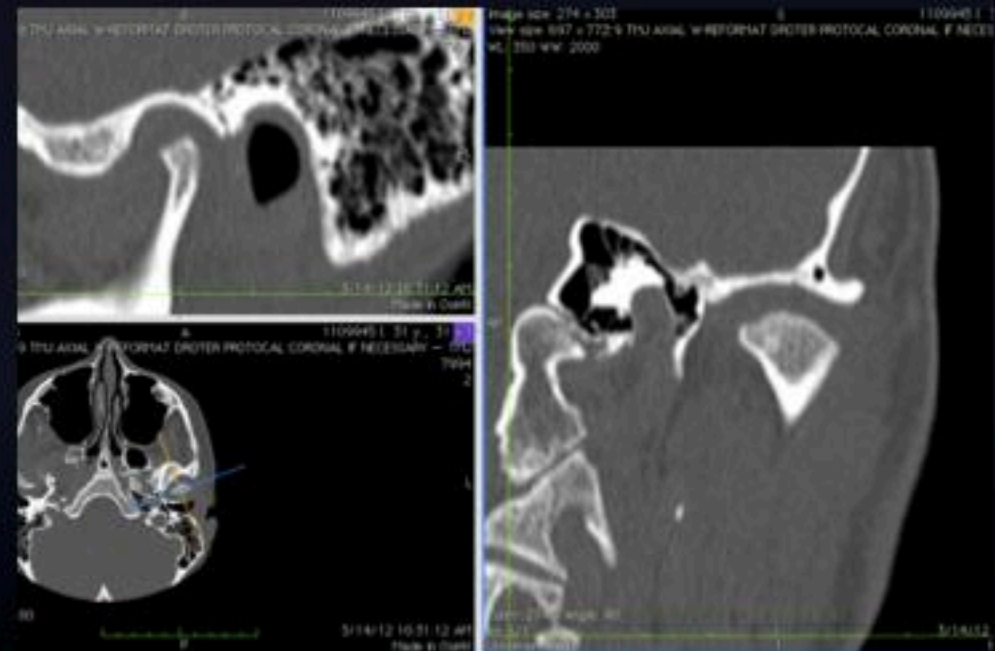


Much reduced TMJ pain



2 months- just able to tolerate full traction

Cortex has reformed



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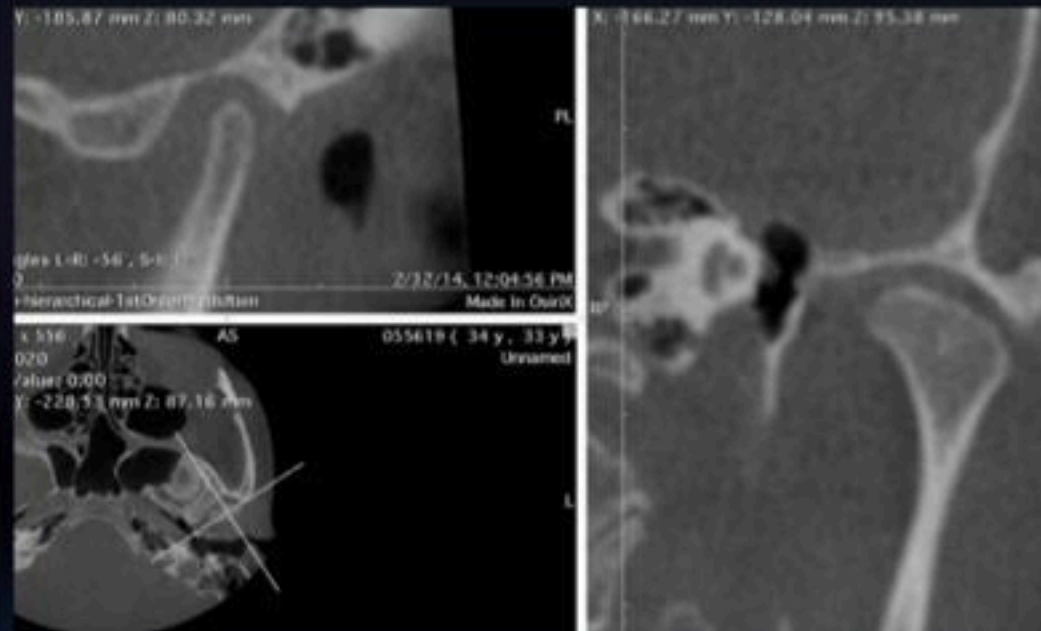
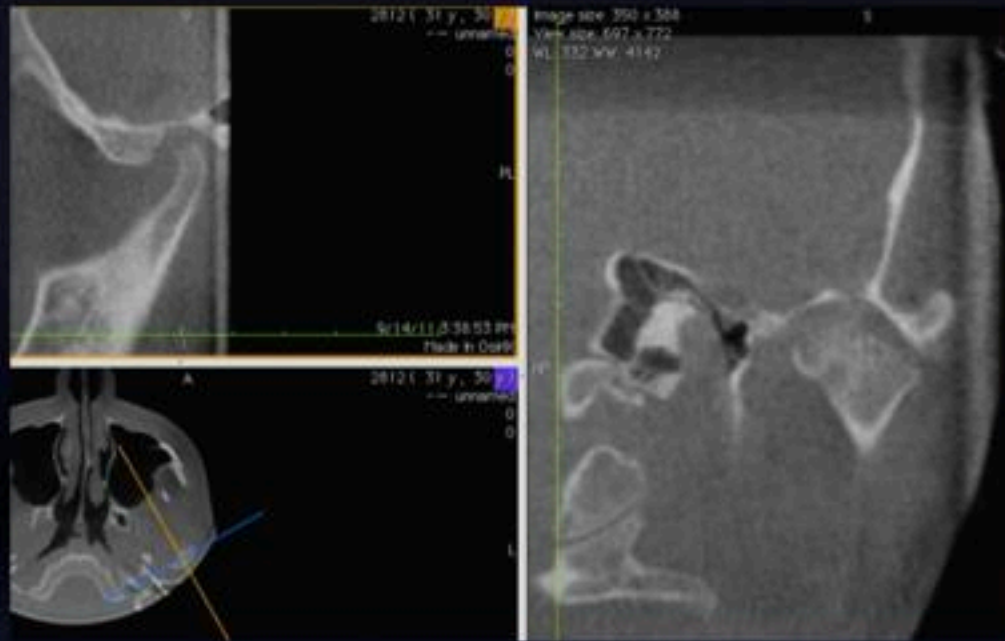


Start

Age 33

Left TMJ

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11 months



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Invisalign Orthodontics 2 years



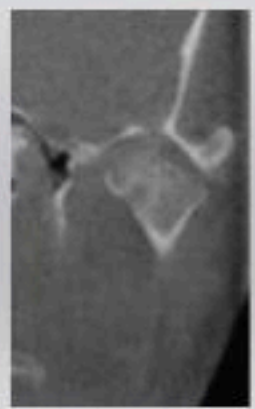
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Non Surgical Therapies

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All Clicking Joints are Damaged

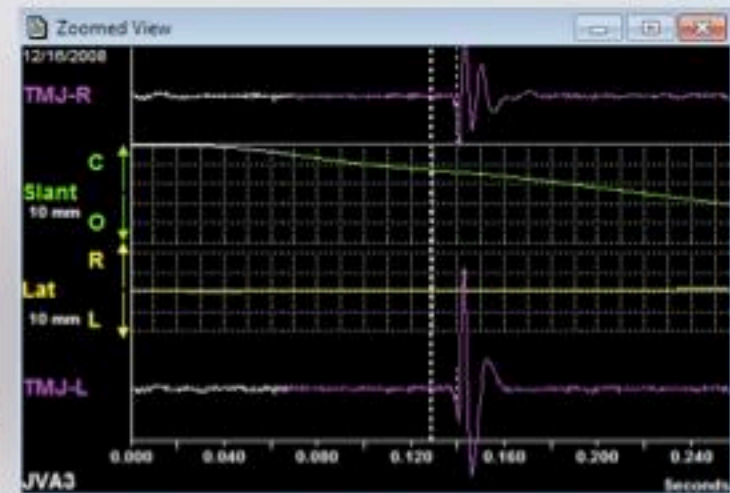
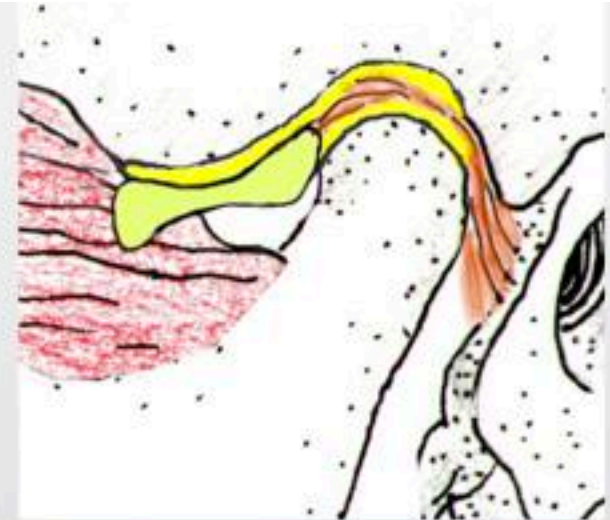
Not so Dangerous Clicks

- Unchanging click for 2+ years
- Consistent, easy reduction of Disc
- Good range of motion with clicking
- Stable occlusion with clicking

Clicks that need further Evaluation/ Scans

- Clicking that has stopped in the past year
- Clicking has changed in the last 2 years
- Wiggling jaw to open. Locking.
- Chronic Painful click
- Unstable Occlusion

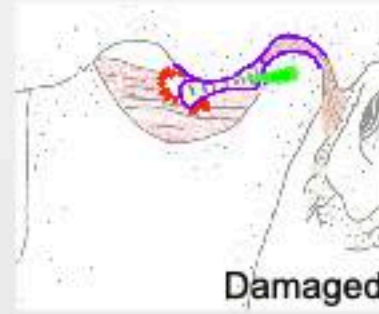
Simple Click on JVA
Joint Vibration Analysis
BioResearch



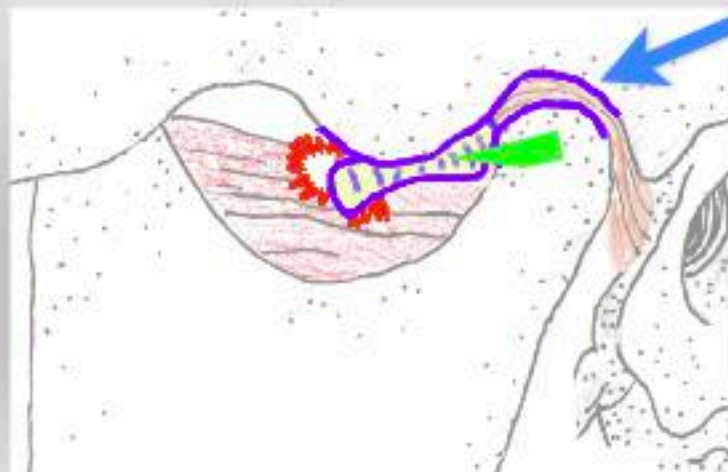
Basic Orthopedics

Joints are either
Healthy or
Damaged

If damaged, joints will be either:
Actively Breaking Down
Adapting
Adapted
Structurally, Mechanically
Favorably, Unfavorably

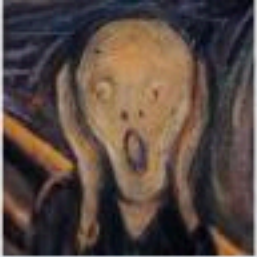


Majority of damaged
TMJs adapt favorably



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Pseudo-disc

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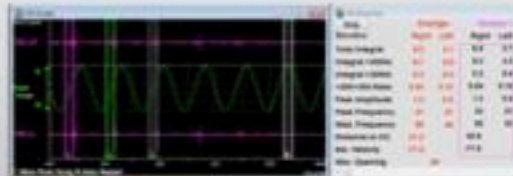
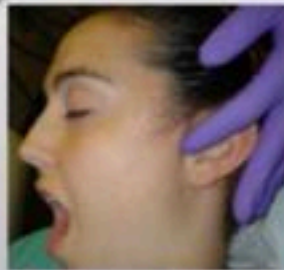
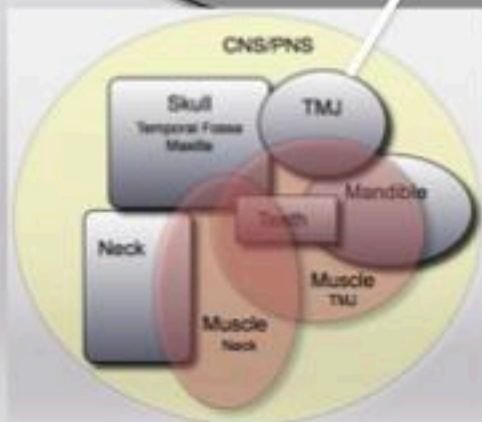
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