

# Pankey TMD

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# TMJ/TMD Confusion



Dogmatic  
Arguments



# Why Confusion?

## Not One Disease

Temporomandibular Disorders (TMD) is an umbrella term covering any condition causing pain or dysfunction in the temporomandibular joint, the muscles of mastication, trigeminal nerve, facial nerve, and associated head and neck musculoskeletal and neural structures.

190+  
Different  
Diseases

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

#### 1. TMJ Damage

Adhesive ankylosis temporomandibular joint  
Ankylosis temporomandibular joint  
Gingiva Parodontia, Mandibular Gingiva, Periodontitis  
Muscle lock, interlocking, muscle  
Muscle lock, interlocking, interlocking Mandibular-epithelium  
Occlusal dysfunction  
Occlusal dysfunction, interlocking TMJ  
Occlusal dysfunction, interlocking TMJ, muscle  
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Hyperextension temporomandibular joint  
Inflammation Temporomandibular Joint Syndrome  
Lax TMJ (Lax TMJ)  
Malocclusion Temporomandibular Joint Syndrome  
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#### 2. Muscles of the TMJ

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#### 3. Cranial Alignment/Occlusion

Cranial base dysfunction  
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#### 4. Cervical Damage

Acute cervicalgia  
Chronic cervicalgia  
Cervicalgia  
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#### 5. Parafunction

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#### 6. Whole Body / Systemic

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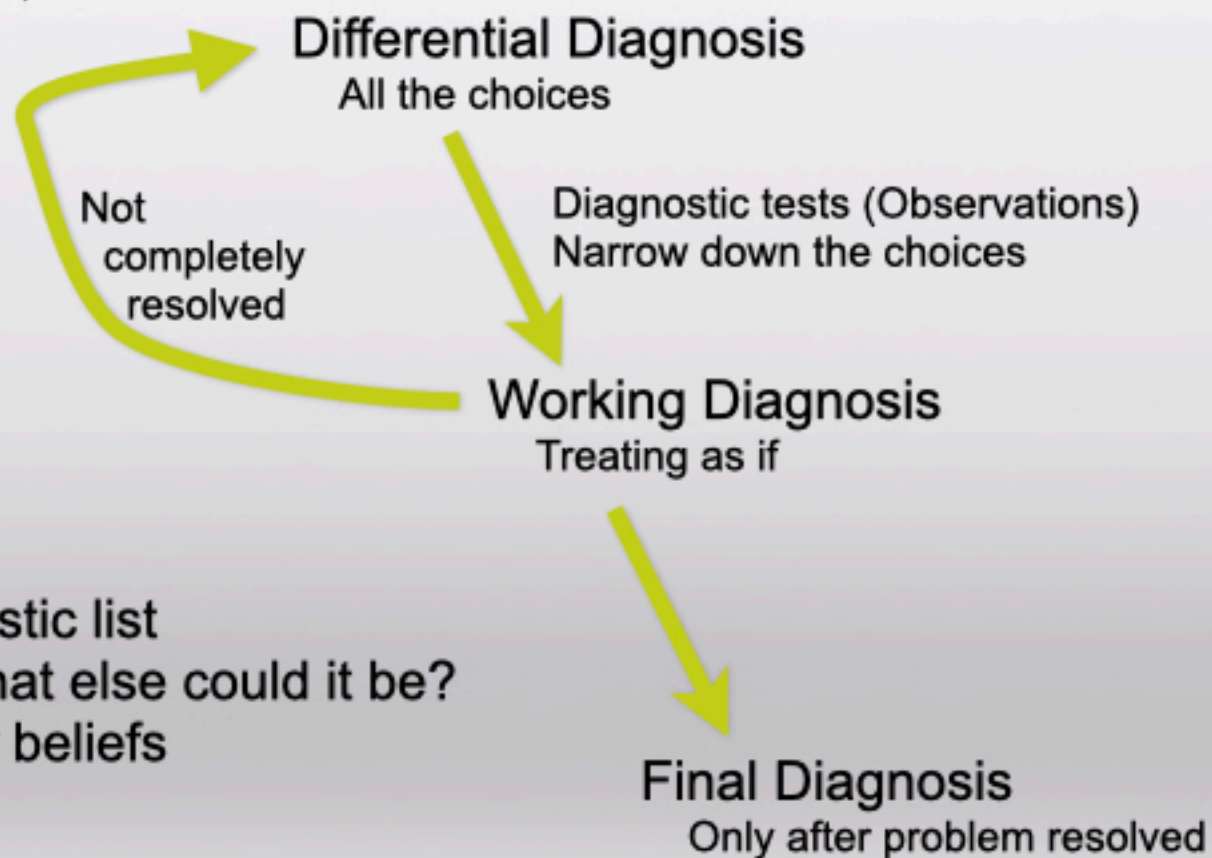
## The Diagnostic Process

When diagnosing and treating facial pain, we have entered the world of medicine.



**Think!!**

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



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Adhesions and ankylosis of temporomandibular joint  
Avascular Necrosis Mandibular Condyle  
Cartilage Fibrillation, Mandibular Condyle, Fossa  
Closed Lock, Jaw Cartilage, Acute  
Closed Lock, Jaw Cartilage, Chronic  
Closed Lock, Jaw Cartilage, Intermittent, Mechanically dysfunctional  
Crush Injury Mandibular Condyle  
Crystal arthropathy, unspecified, TMJ  
Dislocation jaw cartilage due to injury, Sequela  
Dislocation jaw cartilage with reduction, favorable adaptation, TMJ  
Dislocation jaw cartilage without reduction, favorable adaptation, TMJ  
Effusion, TMJ

Impingement Retrodiscal Tissue  
Inflammatory Tissue Bone Resorption, TMJ Condyle  
Loose Body (Joint Mice), TMJ  
Malignant neoplasm of bones of skull and face  
Open Lock TMJ, Recurring  
Osteoarthritis TMJ, active degeneration  
Osteoarthritis- inactive  
Osteochondritis Dissecans TMJ  
Osteolysis Mandibular Condyle, Active  
Perforation Pseudocyst, TMJ  
Perforation Pseudocyst, TMJ  
Rheumatoid Arthritis Sero Negative TMJ  
Synovitis

## 2. Muscles of the TMJ

Dystonia  
Habitual posture forward mandible  
Hemifacial Muscle spasm  
Inhibitory Reflex Dysfunction, Periodontal Ligament Masseter Muscle  
Muscle Atrophy, TMJ  
Muscle Bracing Neck Stabilization  
Muscle Bracing Pain Avoidance  
Muscle Bracing TMJ stabilization  
Muscle Bracing Airway **Patency** (with Tongue)  
Muscle Contracture Fibrosis Lateral Pterygoid  
Muscle Contracture Fibrosis Masseter, Medial Pterygoid, Temporalis  
Muscle Fatigue Overuse  
Muscle Hypertrophy TMJ Muscles

## 3. Cranial Alignment/Occlusion

Cranial Distortion / Misalignment  
Hemifacial Hypoplasia  
Hyper Occlusal Awareness  
Idiopathic Orthotic Damage  
Malocclusion Anterior Open Bite  
Malocclusion Centric occlusion Max/C discrepancy  
Malocclusion Deep Bite  
Malocclusion due to mouth breathing  
Malocclusion due to TMJ bone loss  
Malocclusion due to tongue, lip or finger habits  
Malocclusion Insufficient anterior occlusal guidance  
Malocclusion lack of posterior occlusal support  
Malocclusion Posterior Openbite Bilateral  
Malocclusion Posterior Openbite Unilateral  
Malocclusion unspecified

Malposition / Misalignment: Maxilla, Temporal Bone, Mandible  
Mandibular asymmetry  
Mandibular hyperplasia  
Mandibular hypoplasia  
Mandibular Retrognathia  
Maxillary asymmetry  
Maxillary hyperplasia  
Maxillary hypoplasia  
Maxillary Retrognathia  
Occlusal Adaptation, Favorable  
Occlusal Dependency for Joint Stabilization/ Proprioception  
Tooth Intrusion  
Tooth Supereruption

## 4. Cervical Damage

Cervical Vertebrae Alignment Dysfunction  
Cervicocranial Syndrome  
Muscle Guarding due Neck Instability  
Trigger Point Neck Muscle with Referred Pain  
Trigger Point Neck Muscle, Localized Pain

## 5. Parafunction

Excessive Tooth Wear, Damage  
Hyperactive Occlusion  
Parafunctional Clenching Teeth, Awake  
Parafunctional Clenching Teeth, Sleep  
Parafunctional Grinding Teeth, Awake  
Parafunctional Grinding Teeth, Sleep  
Parafunctional Clench/Grind Wiggle  
Parafunctional Tongue Bracing avoiding uncomfortable tooth contact  
Parafunctional Tongue Bracing Neck stabilization  
Parafunctional Tongue Bracing to maintain Airway  
Parafunctional Tongue Bracing unknown cause

## 6. Whole Body / Systemic

Lyme Disease Arthritis  
Magnesium Deficiency  
Obstructive Sleep Apnea  
Osteoporosis without current pathological fracture  
Pathological Habitual Movement Pattern  
Postural Disharmony Standing  
Postural Disharmony Walking  
Postural Forward Head Position  
Upper Airway Resistance, UARS

## 7. Other

Nerve Entrapment Masseteric Nerve due to Masseteric hypertonicity  
Neurona Trigeminal Nerve  
Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorder  
Other  
Otitis Ear Infection  
Pain disorder exclusively related to psychological factors, Somatosform pain disorder  
Pain disorder with related psychological factors  
Peripheral Sensitization

## 1. TMJ Damage and Diseases

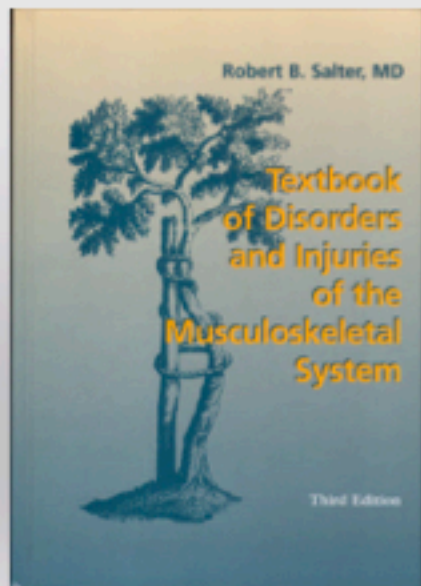
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Fracture of subcondylar process of mandible  
Gout, TMJ  
Growth Disturbance Prepuberty due to TMJ damage  
Hemarthrosis TMJ, Traumatic  
Hyperplasia Mandibular Condyle,  
Hypoplasia Mandibular Condyle  
Hypoxia Reperfusion Injury, TMJ Cartilage Damage  
Hypoxic Progressive Condylar Resorption

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Perforation Meniscus, TMJ  
Perforation Pseudodisc, TMJ  
Psoriatic Arthritis TMJ  
Rheumatoid Arthritis Sero Negative TMJ  
Rheumatoid Arthritis TMJ  
Sprain Discal Ligament TMJ, acute with joint edema  
Subluxation on Loading, TMJ  
Subluxation on Movement, TMJ  
Synovial Cyst (Ganglion Cyst)  
Synovial Hyperplasia  
Synovitis

# My Core Belief

The TMJ is a synovial joint of the human body and will undergo the same disease processes as any other synovial joint

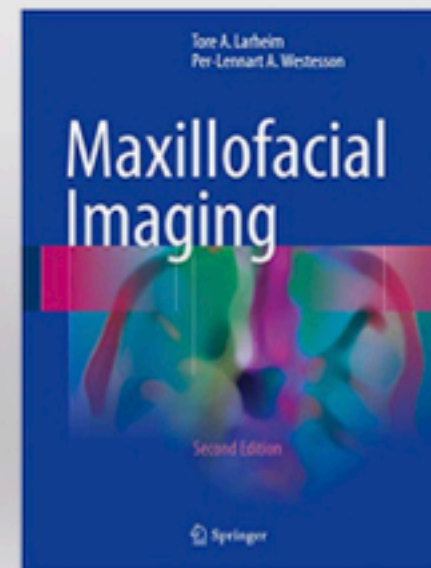
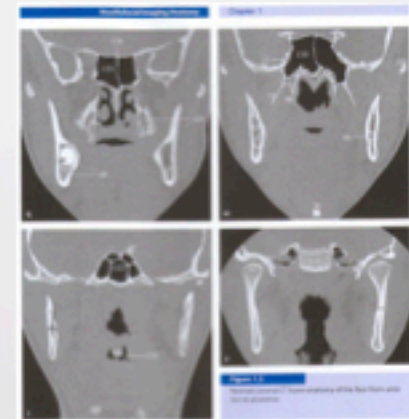
Understanding orthopedic medicine is the key to understanding joints, including the TMJ



Textbook of Disorders and Injuries of the Musculoskeletal System  
Robert Salter MD

Buy Salter's Orthopedic Textbook.  
When you have a patient with specific disease (i.e. osteoarthritis), read that chapter.

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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  
Minerals: Iron  
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 and entrapment of temporomandibular joint  
 Ankylosis (Ankylosing Spondylitis, Osteoarthritis)  
 Condylar hyperplasia, hyperplasia, Condylar Fusion  
 Condylar cyst, dermoid, keratin  
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 Erosion TMJ

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#### 2. Muscles of the TMJ

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#### 4. Cervical Damage

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 Brux Checker  
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 B/Arch Posterior Deprogrammer  
 Upper full coverage hard CR guard  
 Temporary home use anterior stop  
 Myofascia

Aqualizer  
 Lower Soft Sectional  
 Lower posterior deprogrammer  
 Lower TMJ Rehab flat plane  
 Lower postured indexed  
 Lower CR Indexed  
 Mandibular Advancement Device  
 Lateral Bracing Device

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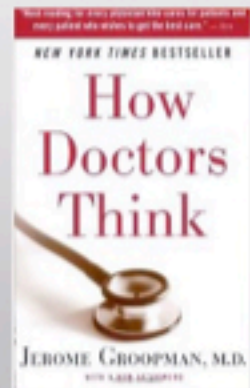
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## Specific Therapy

# Differential Diagnosis

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“My Tooth Hurts”



# Differential Diagnosis

## Diagnostic Boxes: Pattern Recognition

## “My Tooth Hurts”

Reversible Pulpitis secondary to caries

Irreversible Pulpitis secondary to caries

Pulpitis secondary to split tooth

Pulpal necrosis

Referred Pain from Muscle  
Trigger Point

Sinus Infection

Sympathetic Mediated Pain

Neuroma

Periodontal Infection

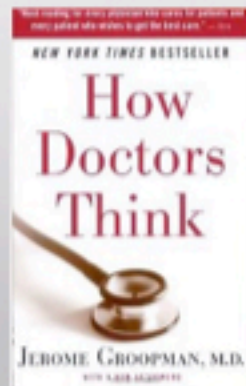
Inflamed Tissue secondary to  
popcorn husk

Aphthous Ulcer

Periodontal ligament inflammation  
secondary to Occlusal Trauma

Pulpitis secondary to Occlusal Trauma

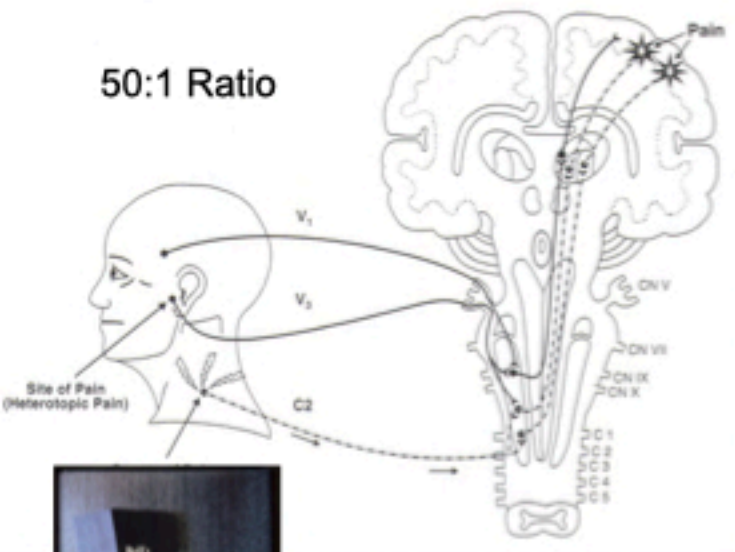
Other



# Referred Pain Convergence

More primary sensory neurons than secondary neurons that travel to brain

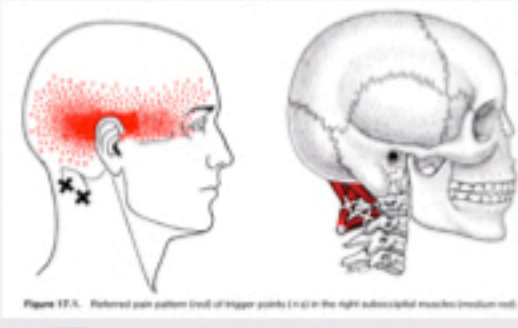
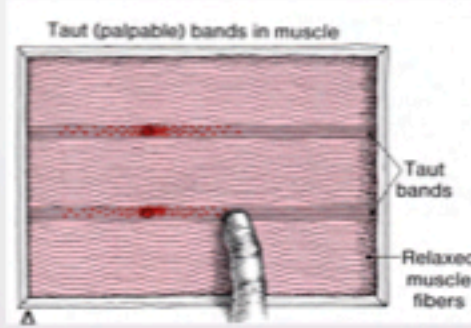
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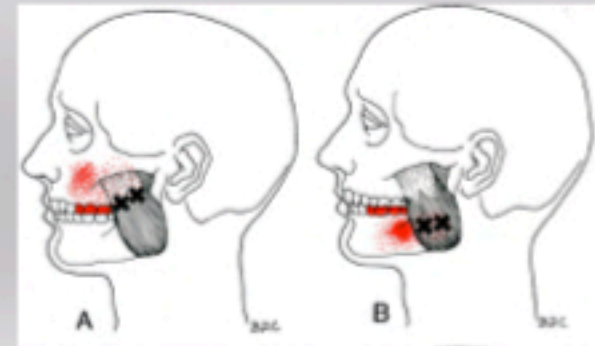
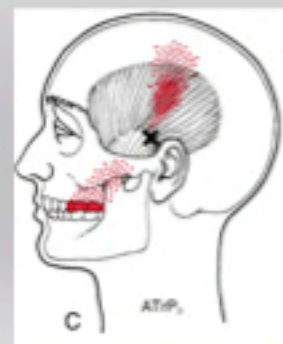
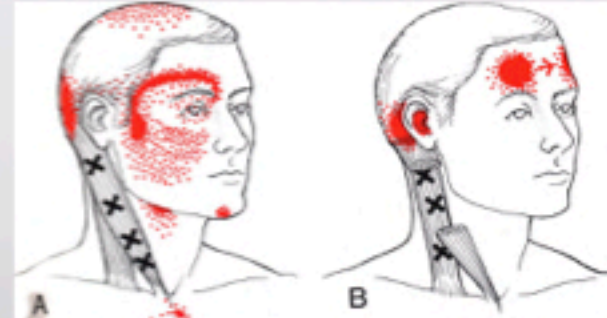
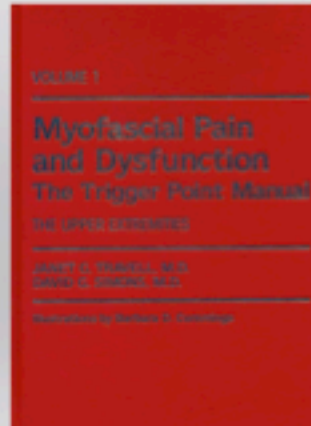
"Bell's Orofacial Pain"  
Jeffery Okeson

# Trigger Points

Contracted mass  
of actin, myosin  
and histamine



"The Trigger Point Manual"  
Janet Travell, MD



# Differential Diagnosis

## Diagnostic Boxes: Pattern Recognition

## “My Tooth Hurts”

Reversible Pulpitis secondary to caries

Irreversible Pulpitis secondary to caries

Pulpitis secondary to split tooth

Referred Pain from Muscle  
Trigger Point

Periodontal Infection

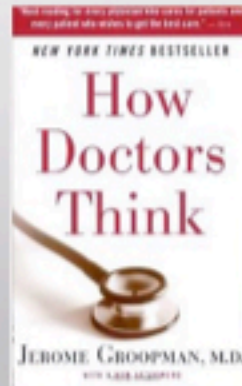
Inflamed Tissue secondary to  
popcorn husk

Aphthous Ulcer

Periodontal ligament inflammation  
secondary to Occlusal Trauma

Pulpitis secondary to Occlusal Trauma

Other



“How Doctors Think”, by Jerome E. Groopman

Diagnose by Pattern Recognition

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Ignore signs and symptoms that do not fit

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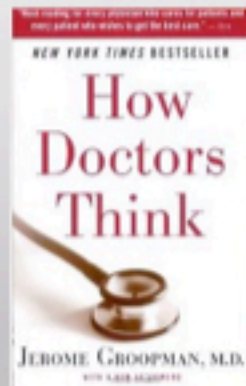
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# Milestones



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



CT and MRI Scans in my practice since 1992.



Closet full of printed scans just as digital appeared!!

**Dr Guy Haddix** had been taking CT scans since 1990

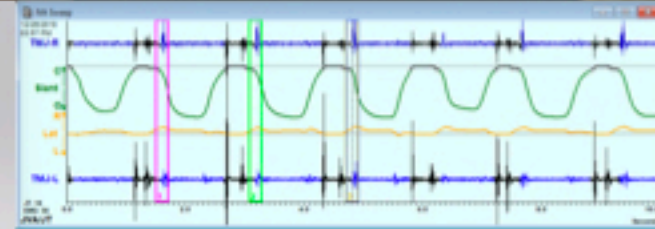


The magic in the coronal view  
The Load Zone

Compare CT, Mounted models, MRI, JVA before and after a case. What can I see now looking back?



JVA since 2004



Herb Blumenthal  
My friend, mentor, and colleague



Yoda of Muscles



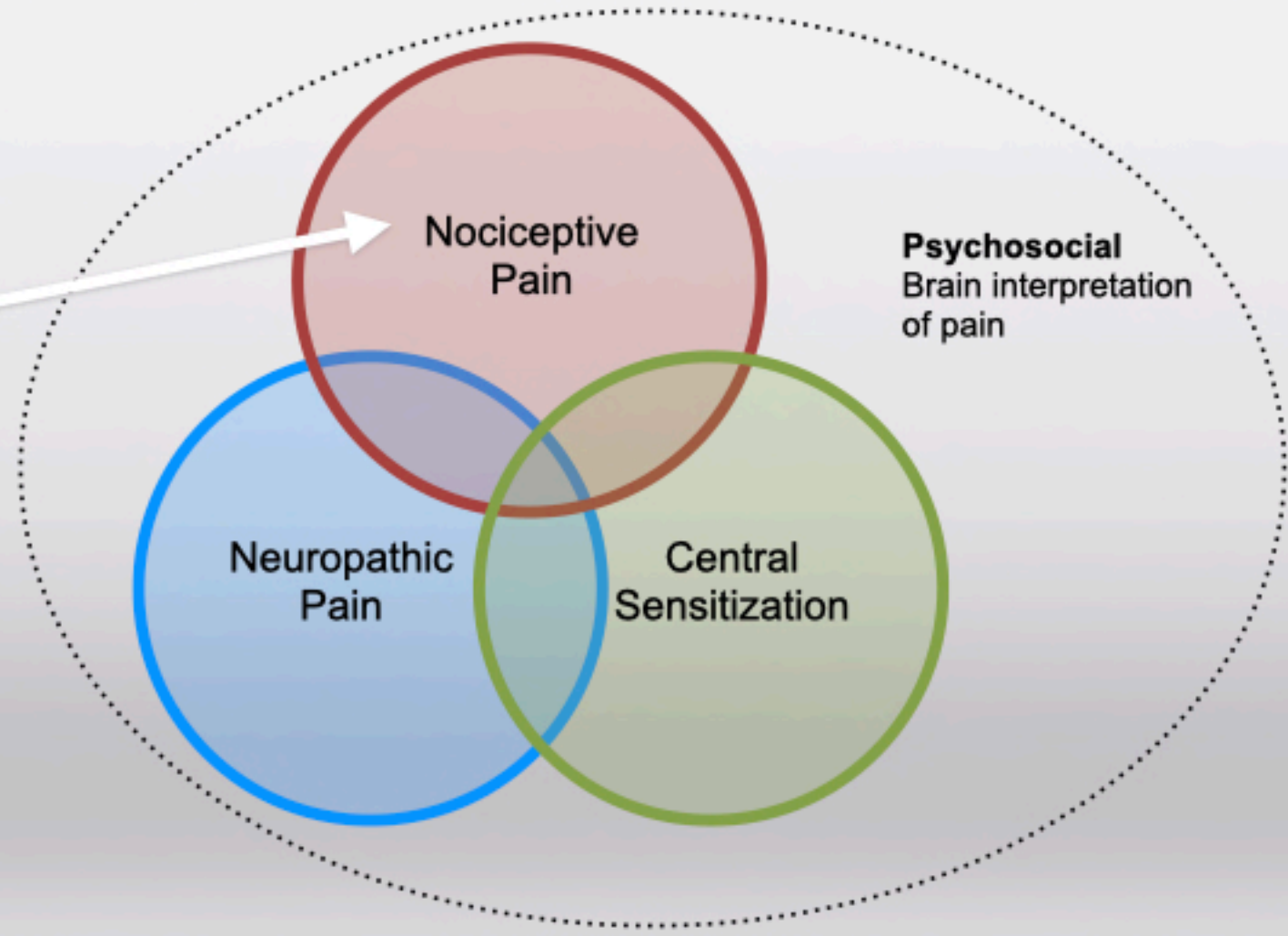
# Pain: Three Types

**Inflammation Pain**  
**Physical Damage**

Tissue  
Muscles  
Joints

**Nerves**  
**Misbehaving**

**Brain**  
**Misbehaving**



**Psychosocial**  
Brain interpretation  
of pain



## TMD Different Beliefs

# Psychosocial Behavioral

Brain interpretation  
of pain



It is not about  
the nail



# TMD Different Beliefs

Nociceptive Pain

Neuropathic Pain

Central Sensitization

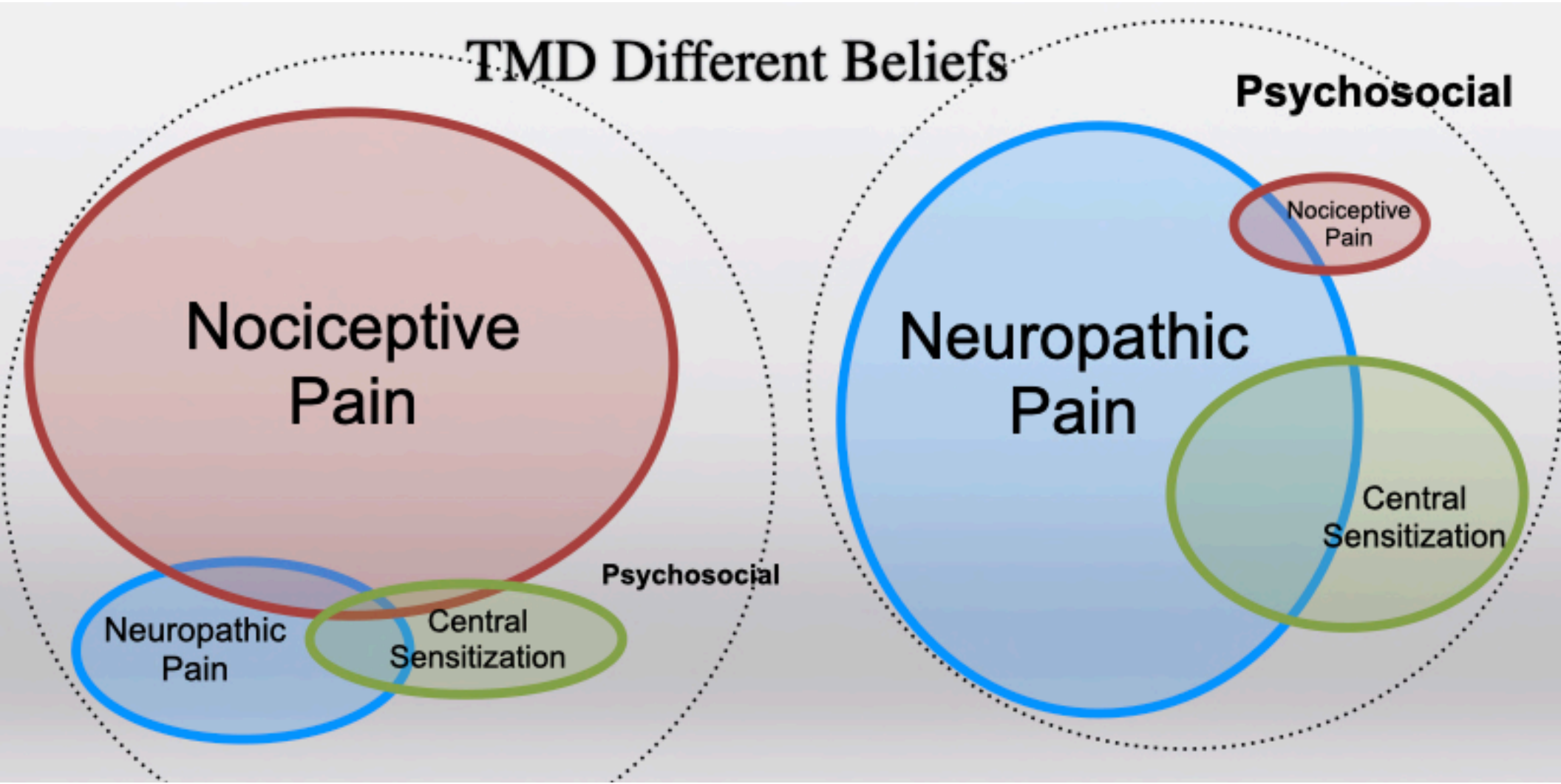
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# Disclosures:

Atomic Skis- Sponsored.  
I got stuff.

LD Pankey Institute TMD Course  
Honorarium

Co-Owner of ArrowPath Sleep  
Patent on sleep device: LatBrux

Living Tree Dental Lab  
High Quality Dental Orthotics  
Royalties on my designs



Ski Coach for National Ski Patrol  
Level 3 Certified Professional Ski Instructors of America







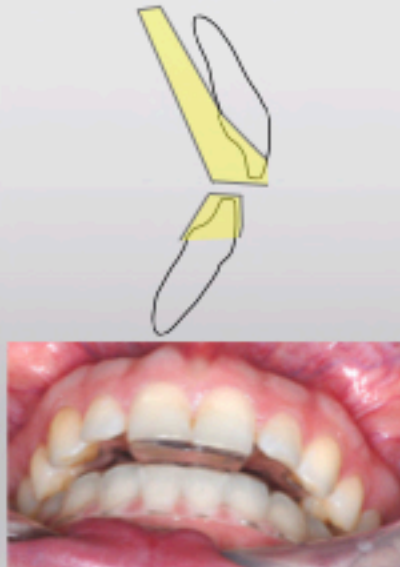
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## 3D Printed Orthotics

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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APS Temp Anterior Stop



APS in Office Anterior Stop

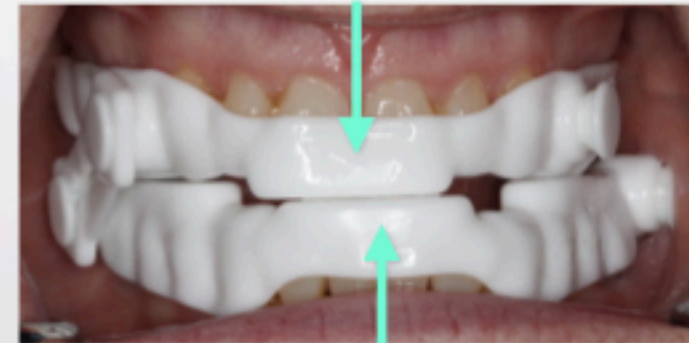


APS Airway Bite





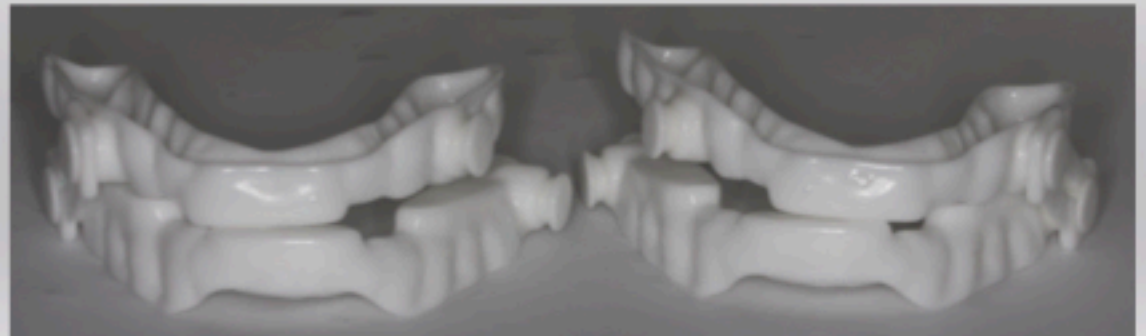
ArrowPath Sleep  
Lat Brux  
Lateral Bruxing Guard



Midline sits left

Moves lower jaw laterally  
Arm only attached on one side  
Printed nylon  
Can convert to MAD if needed

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



# Common TMDs

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

## 1. TMJ Damage

Adhesions and ankylosis of temporomandibular joint  
Avascular Necrosis Mandibular Condyle  
Cartilage Fibrillation, Mandibular Condyle, Fossa  
Closed Lock, Jaw Cartilage, Acute  
Closed Lock, Jaw Cartilage, Chronic  
Closed Lock, Jaw Cartilage, Intermittent, Mechanically dysfunctional  
Crush Injury Mandibular Condyle  
Crystal arthropathy, unspecified, TMJ  
Dislocation jaw cartilage due to injury, Sequela  
Dislocation jaw cartilage with reduction, favorable adaptation, TMJ  
Dislocation jaw cartilage without reduction, favorable adaptation, TMJ  
Effusion, TMJ

Impingement Retrodiscal Tissue  
Inflammatory Tissue Bone Resorption, TMJ Condyle  
Loose Body (Joint Mice), TMJ  
Malignant neoplasm of bones of skull and face  
Open Lock TMJ, Recurring  
Osteoarthritis TMJ, active degeneration  
Osteoarthritis- inactive  
Osteochondritis Dissecans TMJ  
Osteolysis Mandibular Condyle, Active  
Perforation Pseudocyst, TMJ  
Perforation Pseudocyst, TMJ  
Rheumatoid Arthritis Sero Negative TMJ  
Synovitis

## 2. Muscles of the TMJ

Dystonia  
Habitual posture forward mandible  
Hemifacial Muscle spasm  
Inhibitory Reflex Dysfunction, Periodontal Ligament Masseter Muscle  
Muscle Atrophy, TMJ  
Muscle Bracing Neck Stabilization  
Muscle Bracing Pain Avoidance  
Muscle Bracing TMJ stabilization  
Muscle Bracing Airway **Patency** (with Tongue)  
Muscle Contracture Fibrosis Lateral Pterygoid  
Muscle Contracture Fibrosis Masseter, Medial Pterygoid, Temporalis  
Muscle Fatigue Overuse  
Muscle Hypertrophy TMJ Muscles

## 3. Cranial Alignment/Occlusion

Cranial Distortion / Misalignment  
Hemifacial Hypoplasia  
Hyper Occlusal Awareness  
Iatrogenic Orthotic Damage  
Malocclusion Anterior Open Bite  
Malocclusion Centric occlusion Max/C discrepancy  
Malocclusion Deep Bite  
Malocclusion due to mouth breathing  
Malocclusion due to TMJ bone loss  
Malocclusion due to tongue, lip or finger habits  
Malocclusion Insufficient anterior occlusal guidance  
Malocclusion lack of posterior occlusal support  
Malocclusion Posterior Openbite Bilateral  
Malocclusion Posterior Openbite Unilateral  
Malocclusion unspecified

Malposition / Misalignment: Maxilla, Temporal Bone, Mandible  
Mandibular asymmetry  
Mandibular hyperplasia  
Mandibular hypoplasia  
Mandibular Retrognathia  
Maxillary asymmetry  
Maxillary hyperplasia  
Maxillary hypoplasia  
Maxillary Retrognathia  
Occlusal Adaptation, Favorable  
Occlusal Dependency for Joint Stabilization/ Proprioception  
Tooth Intrusion  
Tooth Supereruption

## 4. Cervical Damage

Cervical Vertebrae Alignment Dysfunction  
Cervicocranial Syndrome  
Muscle Guarding due Neck Instability  
Trigger Point Neck Muscle with Referred Pain  
Trigger Point Neck Muscle, Localized Pain

## 5. Parafunction

Excessive Tooth Wear, Damage  
Hyperactive Occlusion  
Parafunctional Clenching Teeth, Awake  
Parafunctional Clenching Teeth, Sleep  
Parafunctional Grinding Teeth, Awake  
Parafunctional Grinding Teeth, Sleep  
Parafunctional Clench/Grind Wiggle  
Parafunctional Tongue Bracing avoiding uncomfortable tooth contact  
Parafunctional Tongue Bracing Neck stabilization  
Parafunctional Tongue Bracing to maintain Airway  
Parafunctional Tongue Bracing unknown cause

## 6. Whole Body / Systemic

Lyme Disease Arthritis  
Magnesium Deficiency  
Obstructive Sleep Apnea  
Osteoporosis without current pathological fracture  
Pathological Habitual Movement Pattern  
Postural Disharmony Standing  
Postural Disharmony Walking  
Postural Forward Head Position  
Upper Airway Resistance, UARS

## 7. Other

Nerve Entrapment Masseteric Nerve due to Masseteric hypertonicity  
Neurona Trigeminal Nerve  
Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorder  
Other  
Otitis Ear Infection  
Pain disorder exclusively related to psychological factors, Somatiform pain disorder  
Pain disorder with related psychological factors  
Peripheral Sensitization

## 6 Common TMDs

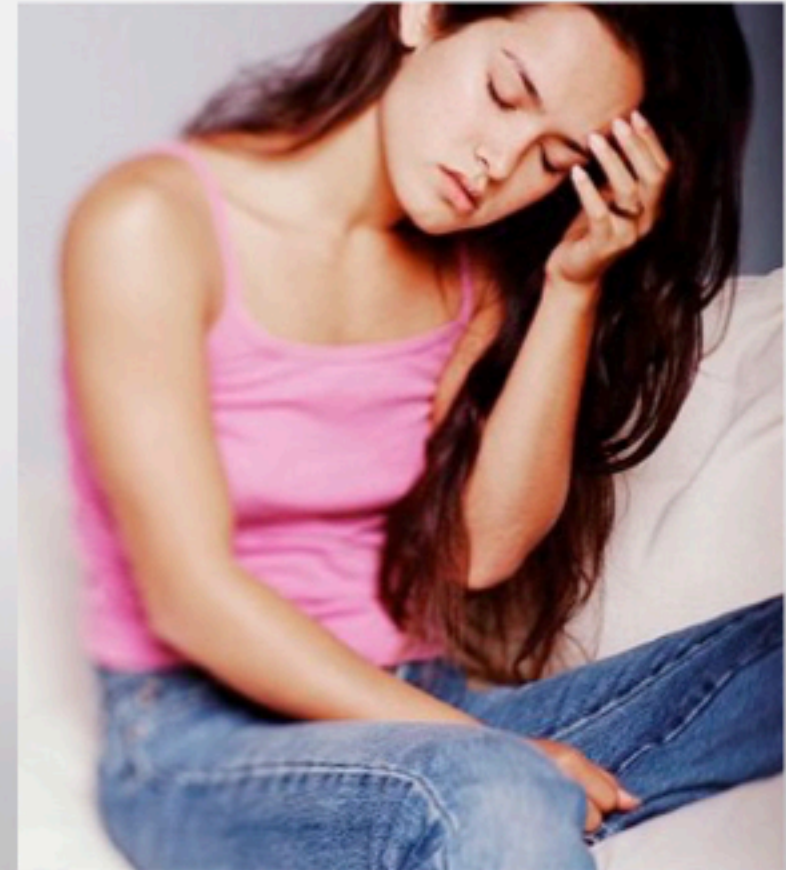
- Parafunctional Clenching
- Parafunctional Grinding
- Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction
- Osteoarthritis
- Acute Sprain
- Acute Closed lock of TMJ disc

## 5 Common Obstacles

- Neck and Postural Instability
- Wobbly TM Joint (Subluxation)
- Compromised Breathing/Airway
- Avascular Necrosis
- Referred Pain Muscle Triggerpoints

## 1 TMD that **usually** does not need therapy

- TMJ Clicking



## 6 Common TMDs

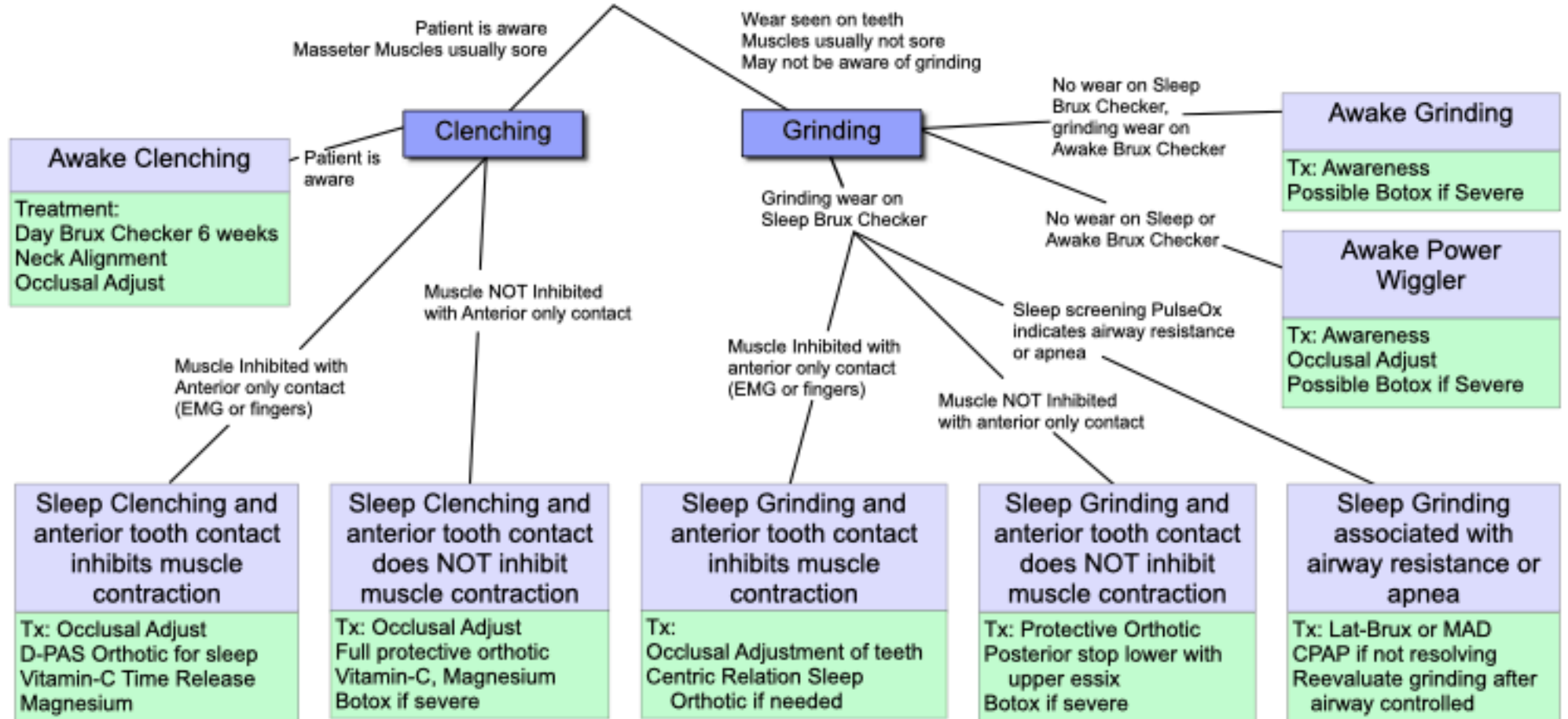
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Sleep Grinding	Worn Teeth	Protective night guard Airway night night guard
Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction	Sore muscles when chewing Sore Lateral Pterygoid, Headaches Day D-PAS Relieves Symptoms	Occlusal Adjustment
Osteoarthritis of TMJ	Arthralgia CBCT shows worn bone loss MRI T2, STIR ++	NSAID for 6-12 weeks Occlusal Adjustment Do not put in a night guard
Sprain Discal Ligament TMJ, Acute	Sudden onset pain TMJ, sore TMJ Limited opening Soft end point active stretch	Cold Laser, Ice 15 min 3x a day Rest, Soft diet, NSAID 7 days Anterior Reposition Orthotic 7 days
Acute Closed Lock TMJ	Sore TMJ Limited opening Hard end point active stretch	Arthrocentesis with PRP

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# **BRUXING: PARAFUNCTIONAL TOOTH CONTACT**





Clenchers destroy the joint,  
Grinders destroy the teeth



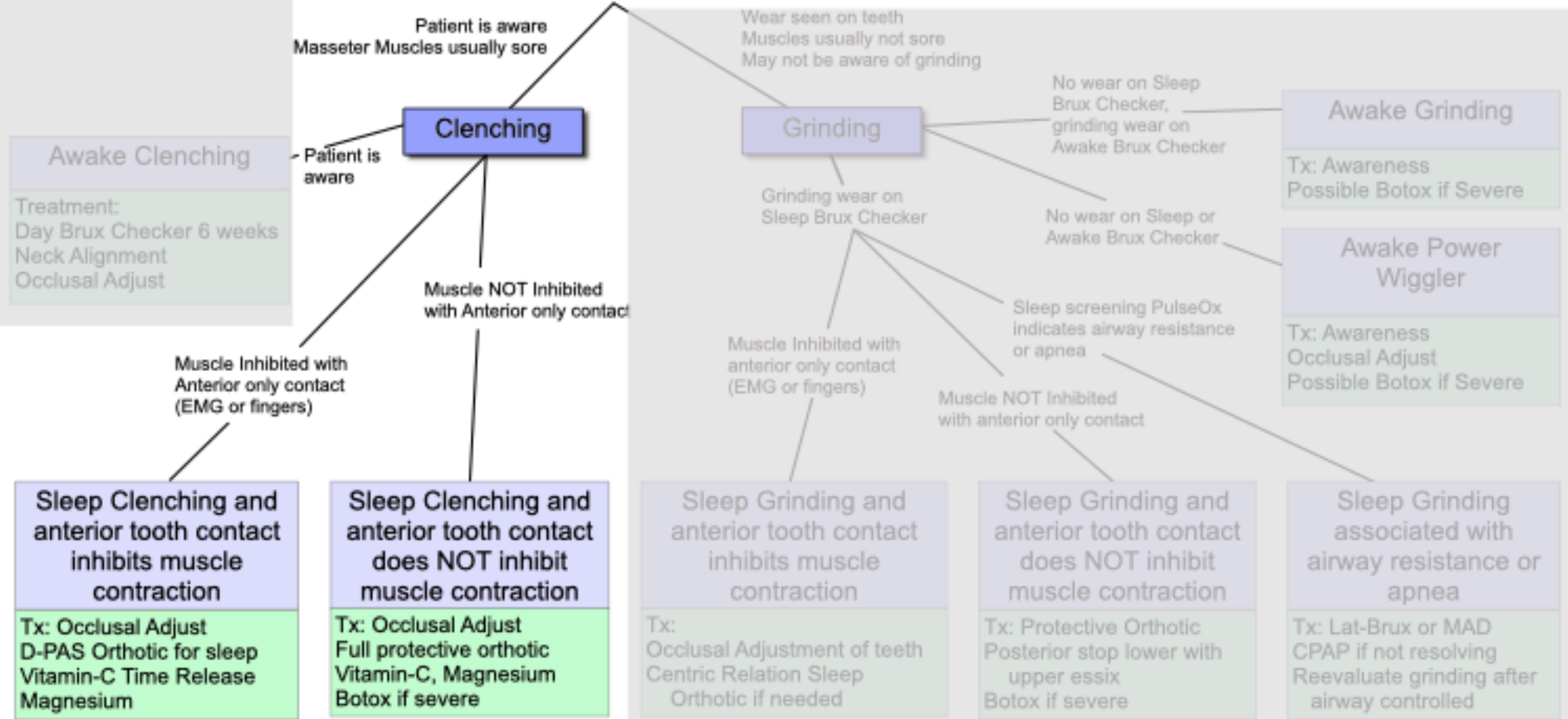
Clenching  
Painful Muscles  
Patient is usually aware of clenching  
Fremitus  
Strong Masseters  
See slight wear around tooth contacts  
Damage TMJ cartilage

Grinding  
See tooth wear  
Patient is usually not aware  
Buttressing bone if teeth are tight  
If tooth mobility, on excursions  
Strong Masseters  
Slight if any soreness muscles  
Usually no muscle pain

If patient is unaware of clenching-  
Plant seed at hygiene visit  
Do you clench?

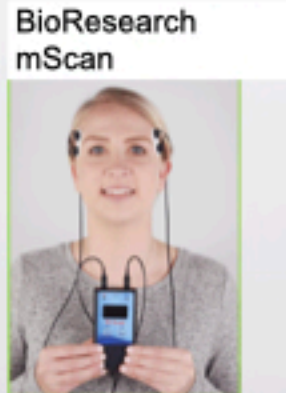
Parker Mahan-  
"Women Hurt, Men destroy"

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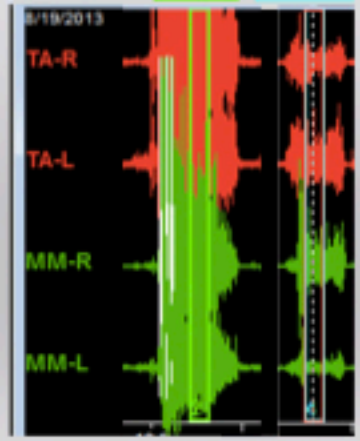
Are the TMJ muscles inhibited from full contraction with anterior only tooth contact?

Detect with EMG or muscle palpation- Clench full power on posterior teeth and then with D-PAS orthotic.



**Patient with muscles inhibited by anterior only contact**

	Clench MaxIC $\mu\text{V}$	Anterior Stop D-PAS $\mu\text{V}$
TA-R	100.6	15.7
TA-L	108.9	25.3
MM-R	115.4	25.5
MM-L	70.5	6.8

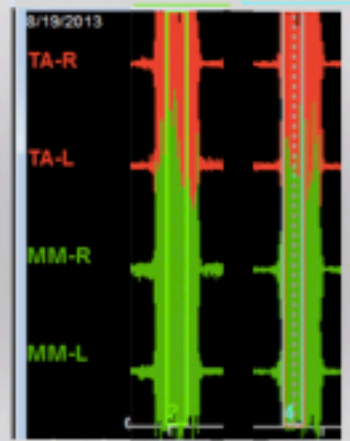


Major decrease in muscle power with D-PAS

BioResearch EMG

**Another Patient with muscles NOT inhibited by anterior only contact**

	Clench MaxIC $\mu\text{V}$	Anterior Stop D-PAS $\mu\text{V}$
TA-R	82.2	77.9
TA-L	124.6	103.6
MM-R	185.0	169.0
MM-L	79.9	86.6



Muscle power same with D-PAS



Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop

# Choosing the Correct Night Guard

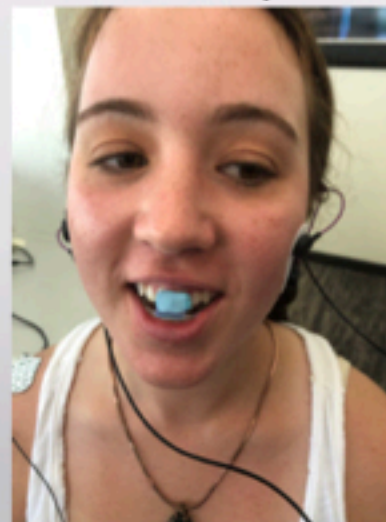
## M-Scan EMG Electromyography



Clench back teeth



Clench  
anterior stop

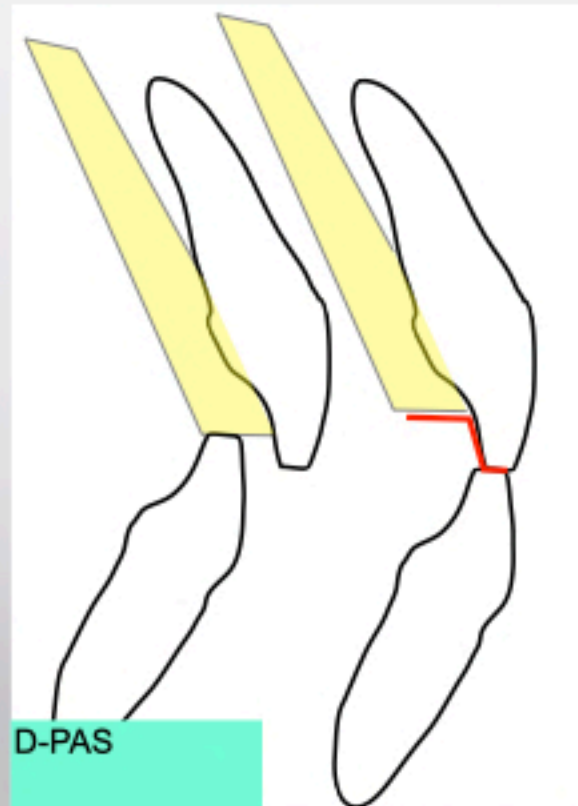
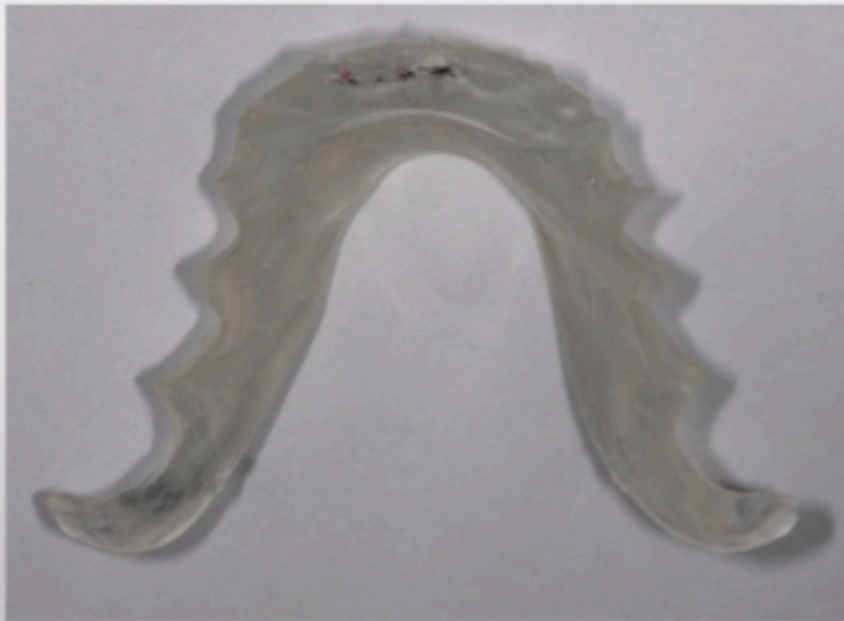


Can place moderate force  
on front teeth

Clench  
Back teeth +250  $\mu\text{v}$   
Front teeth +121  $\mu\text{v}$



## Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop D-PAS



Basically an upper Hawley with anterior stop without clasps or wire

# Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop

D-PAS Test: Wear 2 weeks for sleep, and occasional daytime

## Better- Decrease in Symptoms

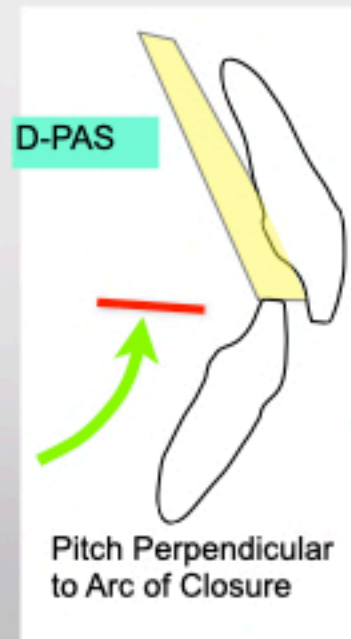
Sleep Clenching Inhibited: Wear D-PAS as night guard  
Orthotic Improved Airway: D-PAS as night guard  
Occlusal Muscle Disharmony: Occlusal Adjust

## Worse- Increase in Symptoms

Mechanically Unstable TMJ, joint subluxation  
Intracapsular Problem TMJ  
Orthotic Made Sleep Airway Worse

## Stays the Same- No Change in Symptoms

Damaged TMJ are mechanically stable  
Pain not related to occlusion



Stapelmann H, Türp JC. The NTI-tss device for the therapy of bruxism, temporomandibular disorders, and headache.....BMC Oral Health. 2008 Jul PMID: 18662411

## D-PAS Handout to patient

### D-PAS Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop Test

#### **This is a diagnostic test, not treatment.**

D-PAS Instructions:

For next 2 weeks wear for sleeping and as much during the day as possible.  
You will need to remove to eat.

Keep track of what changes you notice.

When out of the mouth always put it in its case.

Top: 3 ways appliance are lost or broken:

1. Placed in a paper towel while eating and thrown out.
2. Placed in pocket and sat on.
3. Your dog finds it and uses it as a chew toy.

Clean by scrubbing off with toothbrush and toothpaste.

If facial tightness or muscle soreness increases for more than 2 days, you can stop wearing for 2 days and try again. If still sore stop wearing and contact us.

Symptoms will either get better, get worse, or stay the same.

If symptoms become worse you may have a more serious problem that will require further tests.

#### Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop

D-PAS Test: Wear 2 weeks, Day and Night

##### **Better- Decrease Symptoms**

Sleep Clenching: Wear D-PAS as night guard  
Occlusal Muscle Disharmony: Occlusal Adjust

##### **Worse- Increase Symptoms**

Mechanically Unstable TMJ (Joint subluxation)  
Intracapsular Problem TMJ

##### **Stays the Same- No Change in Symptoms**

Damaged TMJ are mechanically stable  
Pain not related to occlusion

This is a diagnostic test, not treatment





## Temporary Anterior Stop Test

Wear for sleep for 1-2 weeks  
Limited daytime wear if headache

### **Better- Decrease Symptoms on Waking**

Sleep Clenching or Grinding  
Orthotic Improved Airway

### **Worse- Increase Symptoms**

Mechanically Unstable TMJ (Joint subluxation)  
Intracapsular Problem TMJ  
Orthotic Made Airway Worse

This is a diagnostic test, not treatment



# Anterior Stop Orthotics



NTI



Pankey Anterior Stop



Lucia Jig



Modified Quick Splint



Kois Deprogrammer



APS In Office Anterior Stop



APS D-Pas



APS Temp Anterior Stop



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## Parafunctional Clenching

### Signs

- Strong Masseters
- No major wear on teeth
- Slight wear around tooth contacts
- Fremitus
- Tori
- Slight scratch vibration doppler/ JVA



### Symptoms

- Aware of clenching
- Sore muscles on waking
- Clicking on waking that goes away
- Headaches



### Causes

- Uneven occlusion, especially heavy anterior
- Neck stabilization
- SSRI

### Diagnostic Tests

- EMG M-scan
- Determine if muscle inhibition
- D-PAS for sleep



### Treatments

- Occlusal Adjustment
- Neck alignment/ stabilization
- D-PAS as night guard
- Time Release Vitamin C
- Angstrom Magnesium
- Clear Brux Checker daytime for 6 weeks

# TMD Therapies

## Medicinal

Anti Inflammatory:  
NSAIDs,  
Doxycycline low dose  
CBD Topical  
Glucosamine/Chondroitin MSM

**Vitamins: Vit C, Vit D, Vit B12**  
**Minerals: Magnesium, Electrolytes**  
**Minerals: Iron**

Refer to MD for Lyme therapies  
Refer to MD Rheumatoid Arthritis therapies  
Refer Botox Masseter injections  
Refer Botox Lateral Pterygoid Injections  
Food

Vit C 1,000 mg  
before exercise  
or clenching



Mother Earth Ionic Angstrom  
Magnesium 2 oz bottle  
0.5 teaspoon sublingual



Women  
add iron





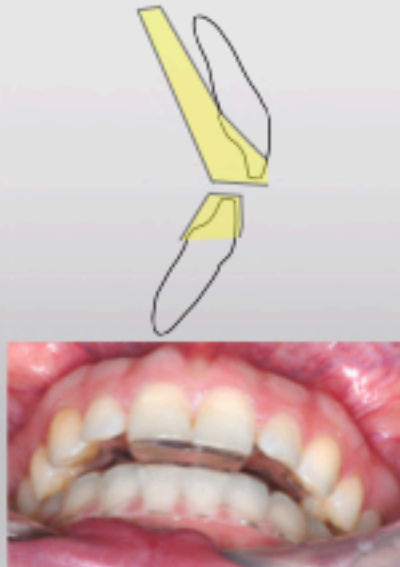
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Brux-PAS  
with lower Essix



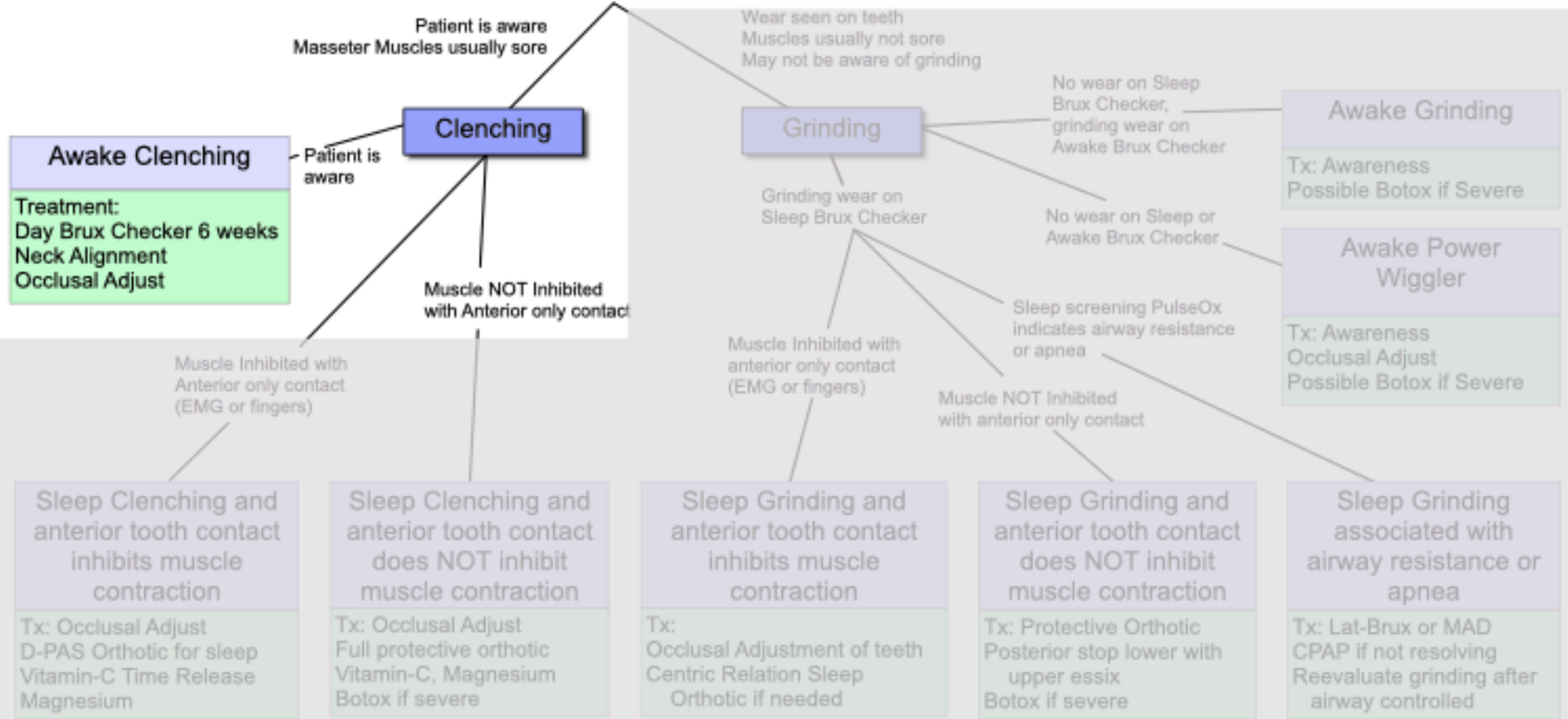
Hard Lower Posterior Stop  
with upper essix



Hard Lower Full Coverage  
Centric Relation Orthotic



# BRUXING: PARAFUNCTIONAL TOOTH CONTACT



**Awake Clenching**

Treatment:  
Day Brux Checker 6 weeks  
Neck Alignment  
Occlusal Adjust

**Clenching**

**Grinding**

**Awake Grinding**

Tx: Awareness  
Possible Botox if Severe

**Awake Power Wiggler**

Tx: Awareness  
Occlusal Adjust  
Possible Botox if Severe

Sleep Clenching and anterior tooth contact inhibits muscle contraction

Tx: Occlusal Adjust  
D-PAS Orthotic for sleep  
Vitamin-C Time Release  
Magnesium

Sleep Clenching and anterior tooth contact does NOT inhibit muscle contraction

Tx: Occlusal Adjust  
Full protective orthotic  
Vitamin-C, Magnesium  
Botox if severe

Sleep Grinding and anterior tooth contact inhibits muscle contraction

Tx:  
Occlusal Adjustment of teeth  
Centric Relation Sleep  
Orthotic if needed

Sleep Grinding and anterior tooth contact does NOT inhibit muscle contraction

Tx: Protective Orthotic  
Posterior stop lower with upper essix  
Botox if severe

Sleep Grinding associated with airway resistance or apnea

Tx: Lat-Brux or MAD  
CPAP if not resolving  
Reevaluate grinding after airway controlled

## Daytime Clenching- Clear Brux Checker Increases awareness to break habit

Very thin: Similar to mylar used for composites  
50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick



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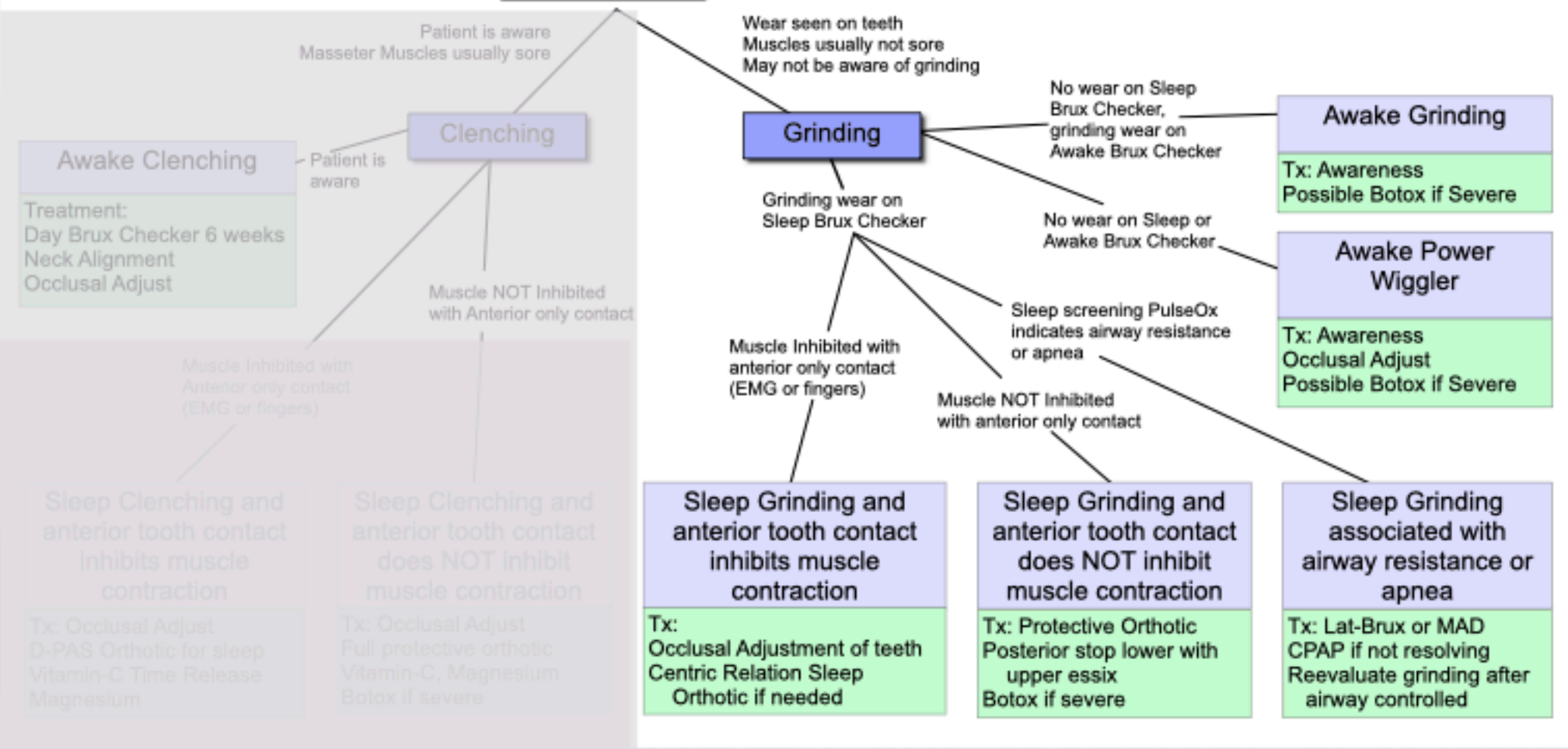


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# **BRUXING: PARAFUNCTIONAL TOOTH CONTACT**





Clenchers destroy the joint,  
Grinders destroy the teeth



Clenching  
Painful Muscles  
Patient is usually aware of clenching  
Fremitus  
Strong Masseters  
See slight wear around tooth contacts  
Damage TMJ cartilage

Grinding  
See tooth wear  
Patient is usually not aware  
Buttressing bone if teeth are tight  
If tooth mobility, on excursions  
Strong Masseters  
Slight if any soreness muscles  
Usually no muscle pain

If patient is unaware of clenching-  
Plant seed at hygiene visit  
Do you clench?

Parker Mahan-  
"Women Hurt, Men destroy"

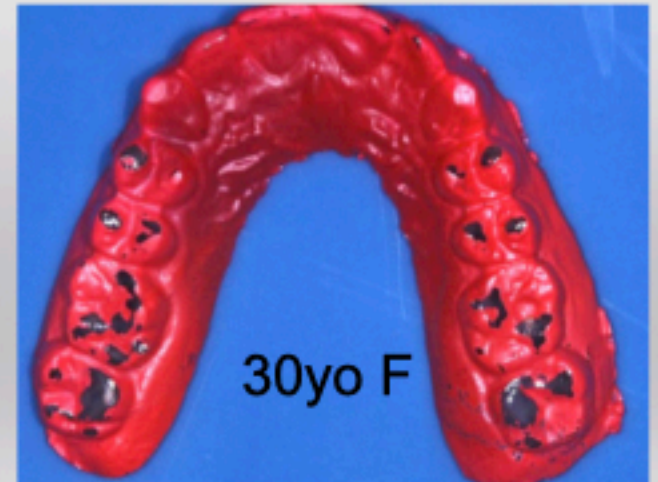
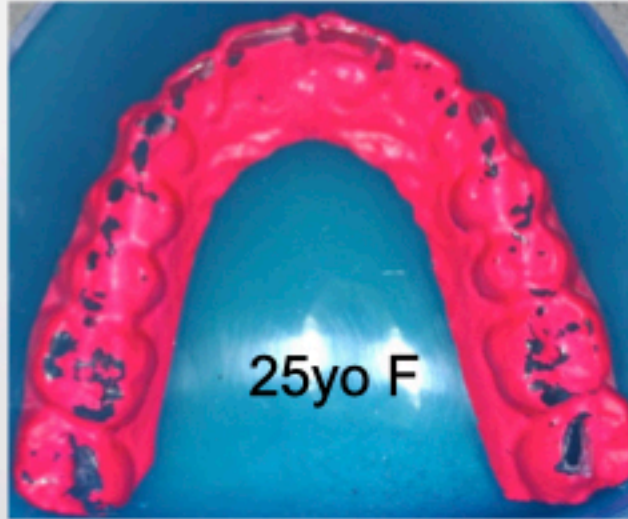
2. Does this occur awake or asleep?

Brux Checker  
Great Lakes Orthodontics

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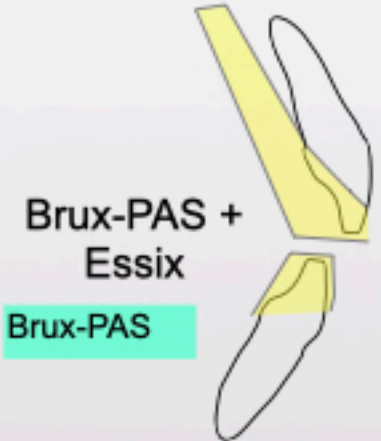


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# Which Occlusal Orthotic for Grinding?

Lower Posterior Stop with upper essix



Upper Hard CR Orthotic



Lat-Brux



Nylon Herbst  
Great Lakes Ortho



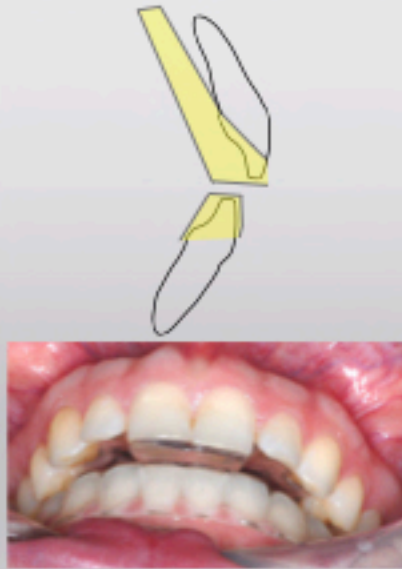
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### 3D Printed Orthotics

D-PAS  
Diagnostic-  
Palatal Anterior Stop



Brux-PAS  
with lower Essix



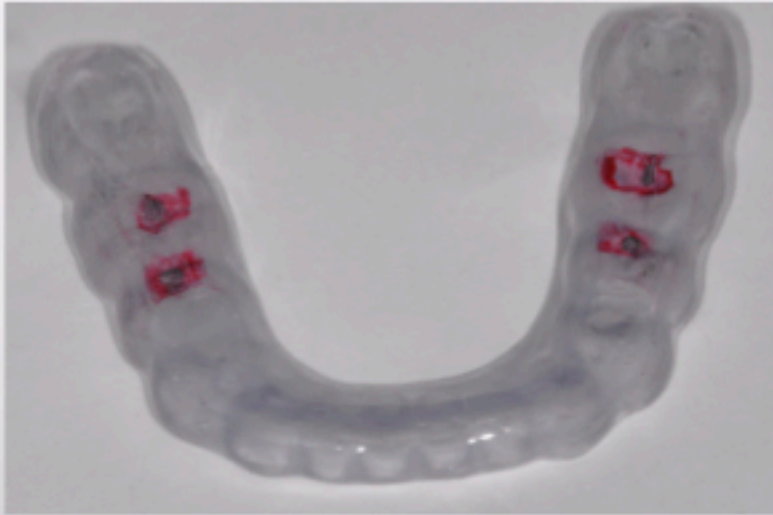
Hard Lower Posterior Stop  
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Hard Lower Full Coverage  
Centric Relation Orthotic



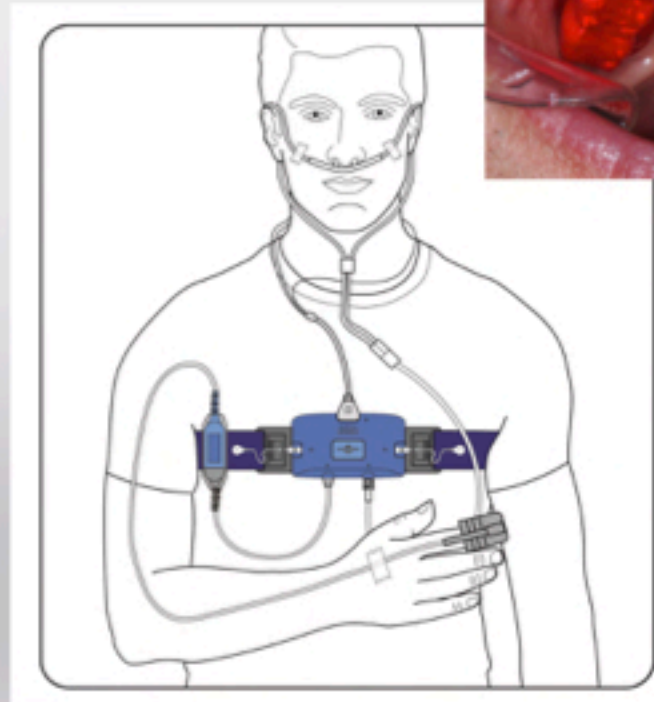
Lower Posterior Stop Night guard with upper Essix



# zMachine

zMachine + Brux Checker  
+ Snore Lab

GENERAL  
sleep



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# Treating Common TMDs in a General Practice

## Management

### Diagnosis

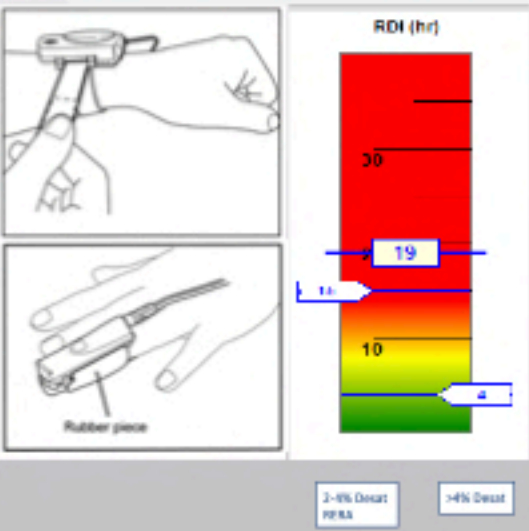
Sleep Grinding Airway Related

### Pattern

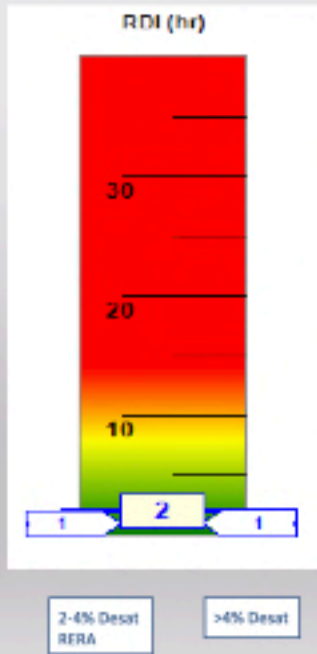
Worn Teeth  
Upper Airway Resistance

### ~~Treatment~~

Mandibular Advancement  
Appliance (after MD approves)



Pulse Ox Screening  
 Refer to Medical Sleep Doctor  
 Get approval for Mandibular Advancement Appliance  
 Verify Airway Improves  
 19 events/hr before  
 2 events/hr with Orthotic



PULSOX 300i, Konica Minolta  
with data analysis Patient Safety, Inc.

Nylon MAD  
Great Lakes Ortho





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# Occlusal Muscle Disharmony

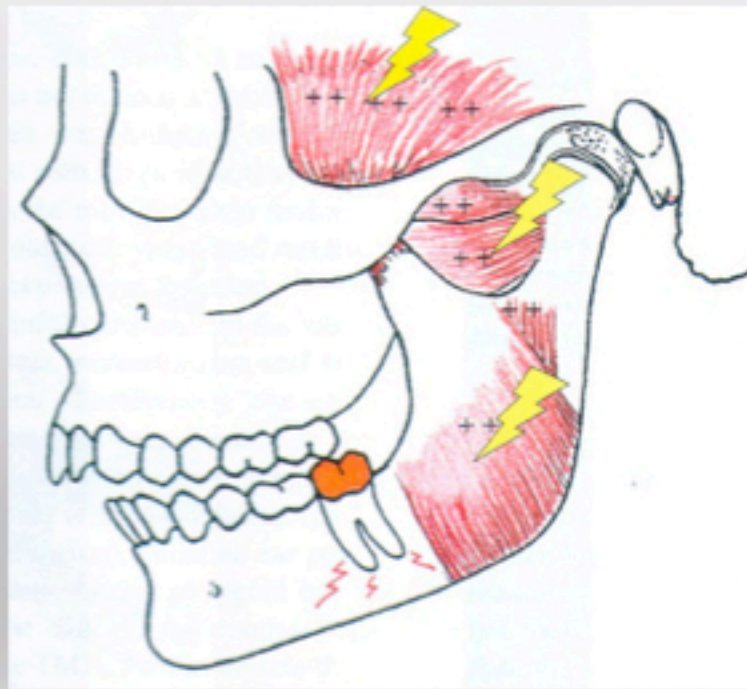
Uneven tooth contact with condyles fully seated triggers muscle activity

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

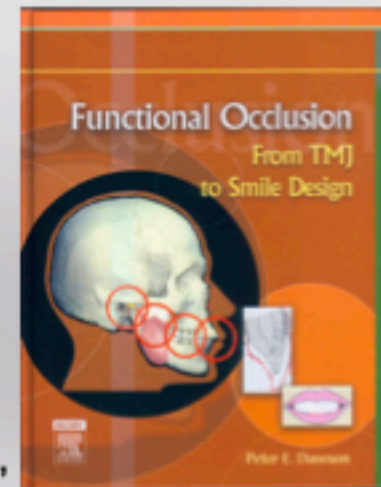
Disharmony in all muscles: Splinting/Bracing

Muscles sore from overuse

Muscles do not think- CNS input

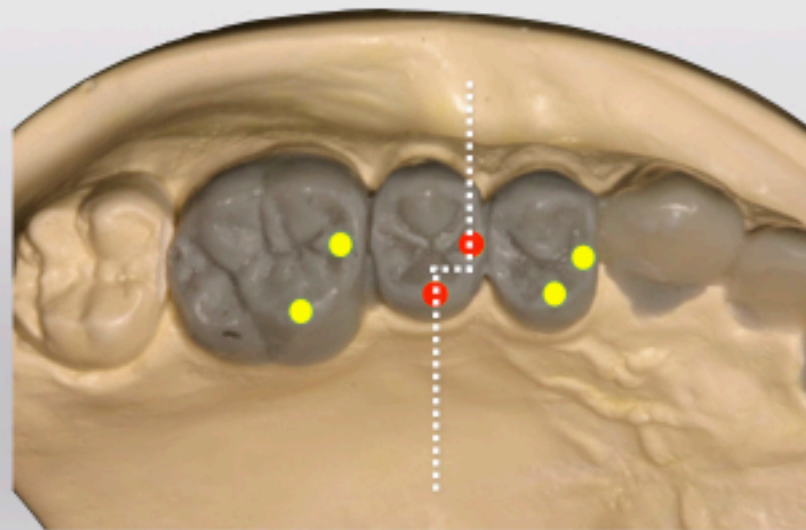
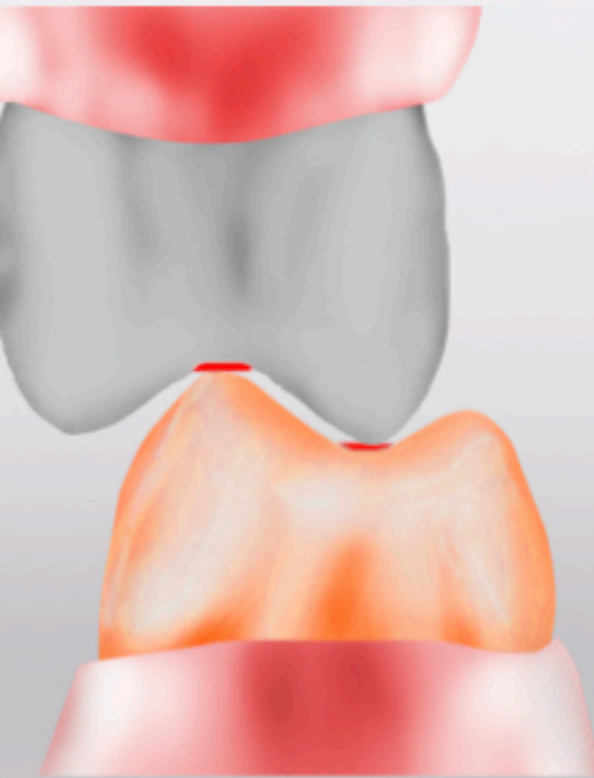


from Dawson's Textbook, "Functional Occlusion"



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

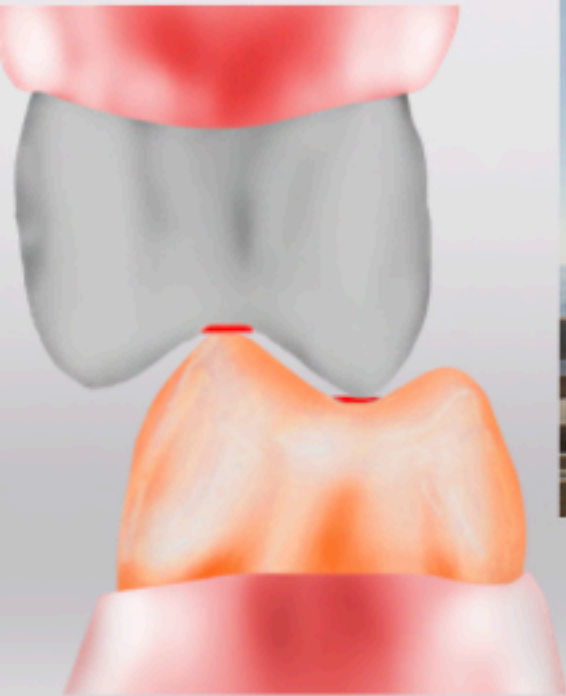
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Drawing by Dr Jim Kessler

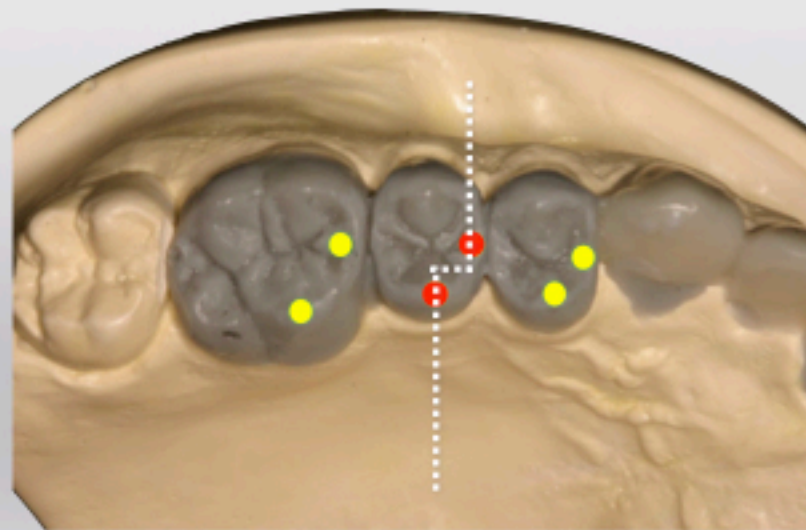
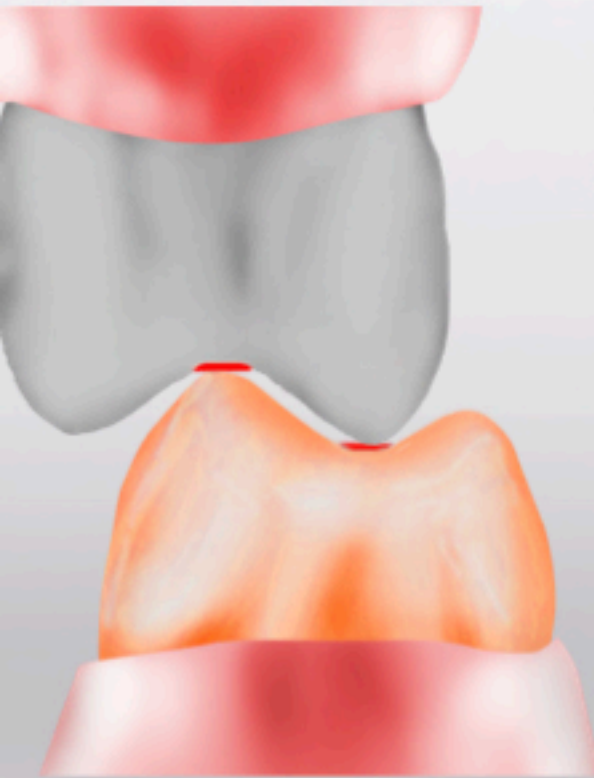
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## Rule #2 = Flat Landing Area



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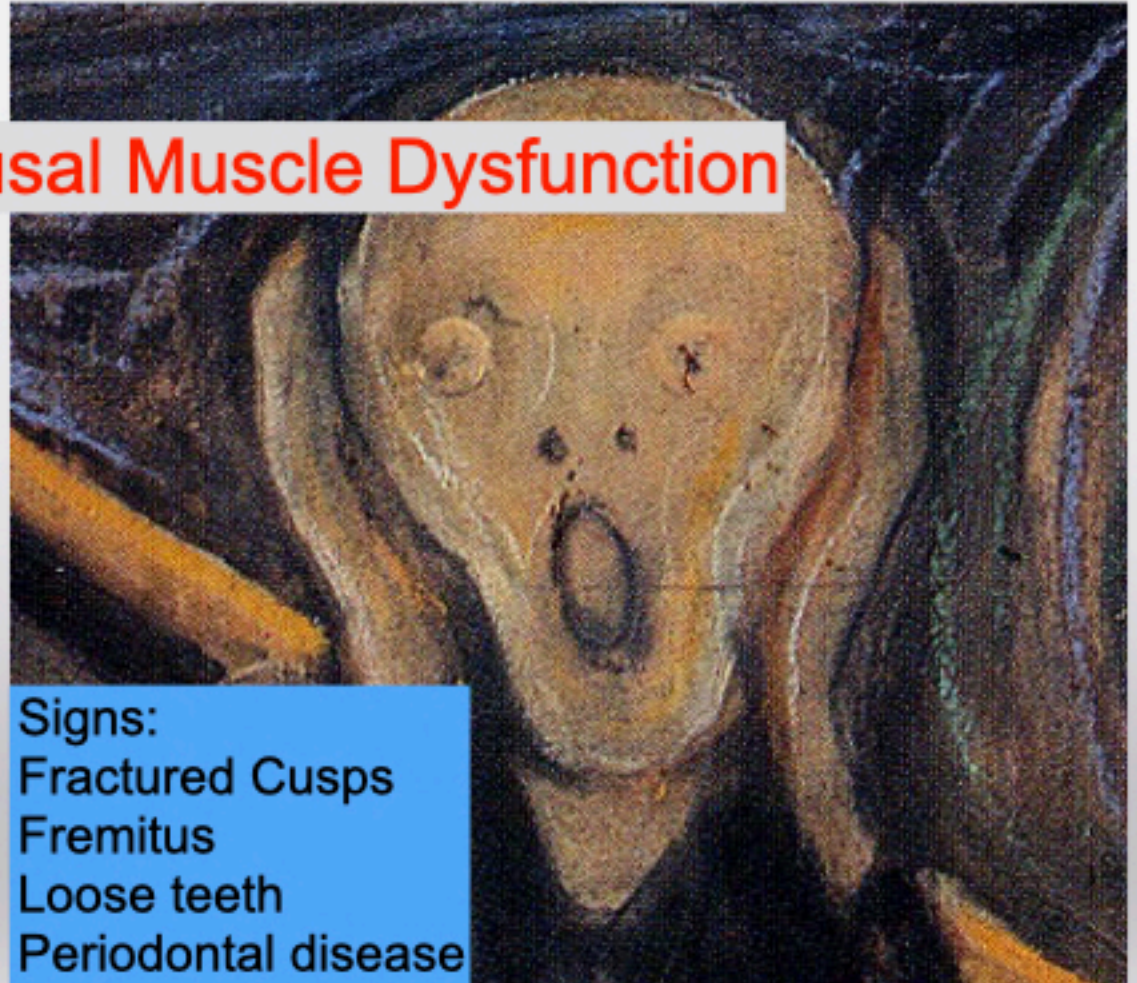
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## TMD Symptoms

Sore TM Joint  
Sore TMJ muscles  
Difficulty chewing  
Headaches  
Eye pain  
Ear pain  
TMJ clicking  
Jaw locking  
Limited opening  
Difficulty open jaw  
Difficulty closing jaw  
Anterior Open Bite

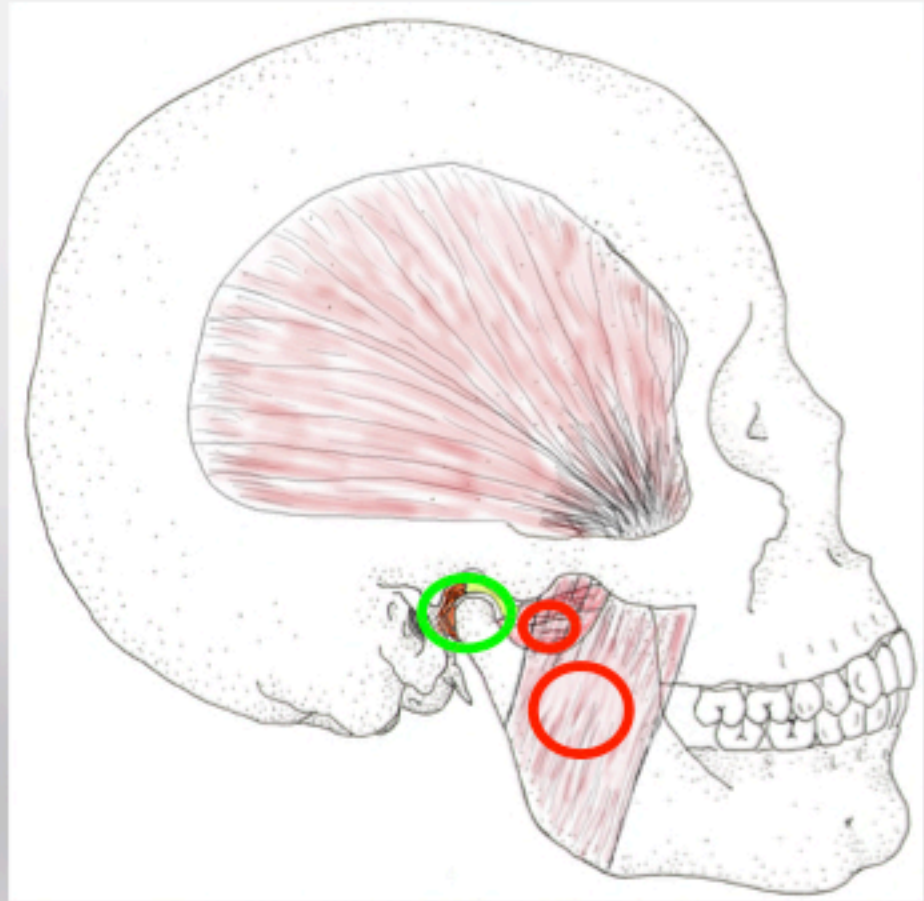
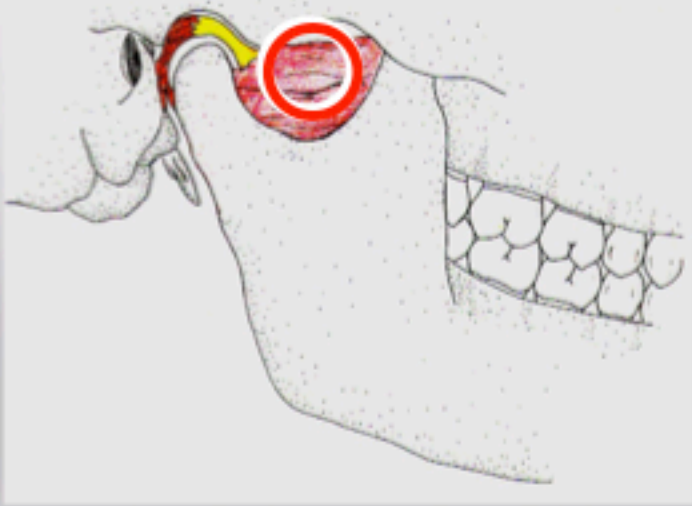
## Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction

Signs:  
Fractured Cusps  
Fremitus  
Loose teeth  
Periodontal disease



## Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction Pattern

Sore muscles when chewing  
Sore Lateral Pterygoid  
TMJ is not sore  
Day orthotic relieves symptoms



Drawings by Gretta Tomb DDS and John Droter DDS

## Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction Diagnostic Tests

Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction is a daytime problem

Clenching can be both a daytime and nighttime problem

>30% of headaches have an occlusal component

Occlusal adjustment in patients with craniomandibular disorders including headaches. A 3- and 6-month follow-up. Vallon D, Ekberg E, Nilner M. Acta Odontol Scand. 1995

D-PAS 2 week trial



OR

3-6 week lower CR orthotic



Response to occlusal treatment in headache patients previously treated by mock occlusal adjustment. Forssell H, Kirveskari P, Kangasniemi P. Acta Odontol Scand. 1987



# Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop

D-PAS Test: Wear 2 weeks for sleep, and occasional daytime

## Better- Decrease in Symptoms

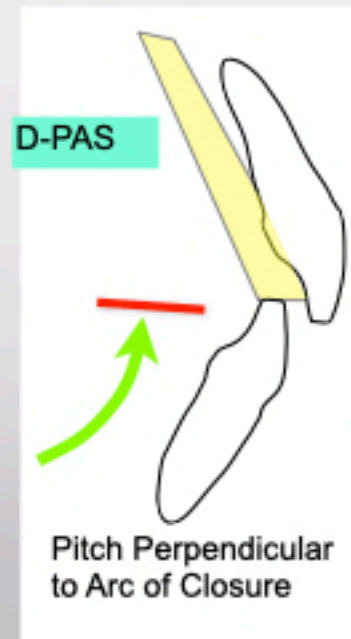
Sleep Clenching Inhibited: Wear D-PAS as night guard  
Orthotic Improved Airway: D-PAS as night guard  
Occlusal Muscle Disharmony: Occlusal Adjust

## Worse- Increase in Symptoms

Mechanically Unstable TMJ, joint subluxation  
Intracapsular Problem TMJ  
Orthotic Made Sleep Airway Worse

## Stays the Same- No Change in Symptoms

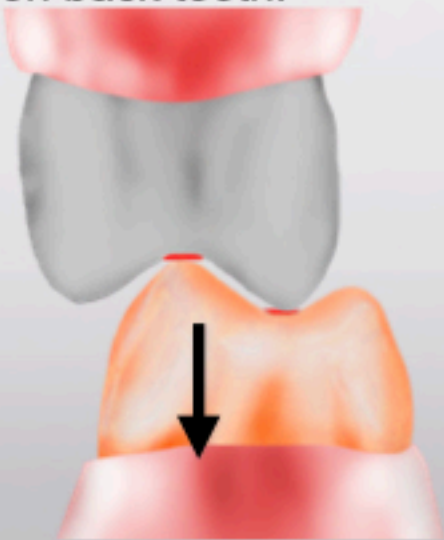
Damaged TMJ are mechanically stable  
Pain not related to occlusion



Stapelmann H, Türp JC. The NTI-tss device for the therapy of bruxism, temporomandibular disorders, and headache.....BMC Oral Health. 2008 Jul PMID: 18662411

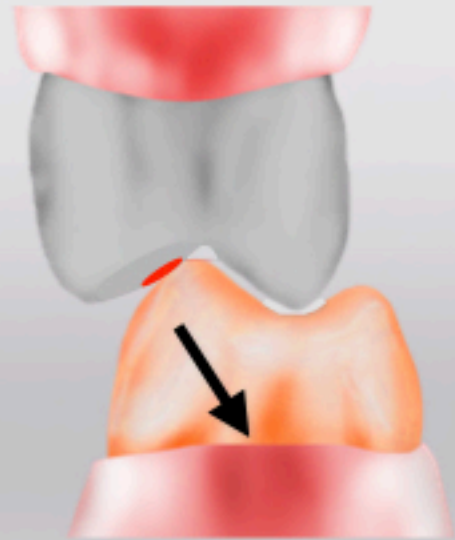
## Ideal Occlusion for Comfortable Muscles

**Ideal**  
No sideways forces  
on back teeth.



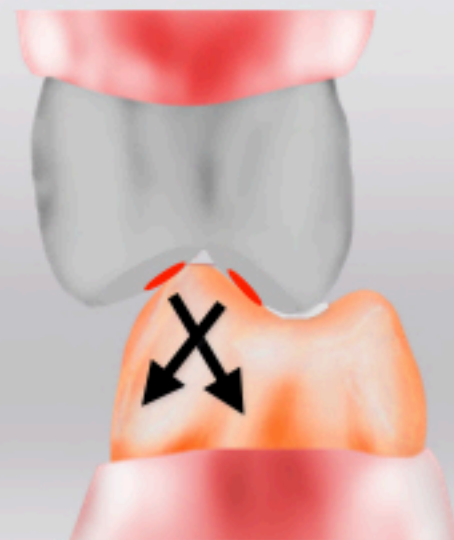
Sideways forces can fracture teeth

**Not Ideal**  
Tense Muscles  
Teeth can fracture



**Not Ideal**  
Tense Muscles

Back teeth will have  
sideways force  
when the jaw moves  
left or right.



**Not Ideal**  
This is now a  
functionless tooth.  
Other teeth now  
have more force.

# Occlusal Sculpting

Reshape

The image illustrates the process of occlusal sculpting through several components:

- Diagrams:** On the left and right, there are diagrams of a tooth in occlusion with a red opposing tooth. A black arrow on the left points to the contact point, and a black arrow on the right points to the contact point, indicating the area of focus.
- Clinical Photos:** Two photographs show a dentist using a handpiece with a bur to reshape a patient's teeth.
- Tools:** Two images show different types of dental burs used for reshaping. Below them is a diagram of a circular bur with a blue U-shaped outline.
- Polish:** A diagram labeled "Polish" shows a polishing wheel.

# Occlusal Sculpting Tools, including Zirconia



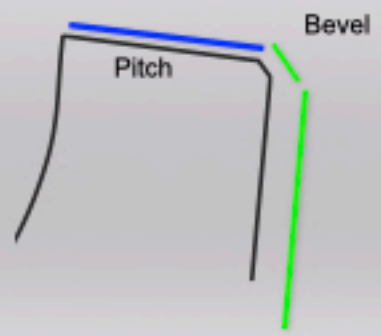
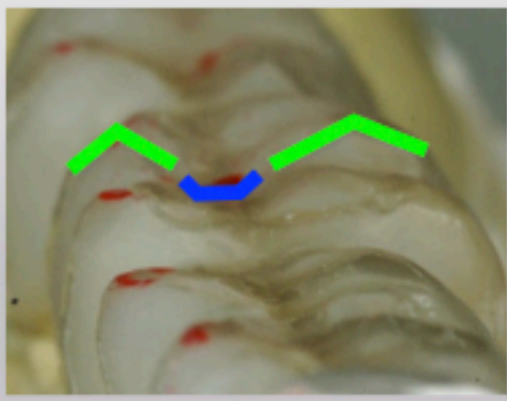
**Wheel**  
 Create Cusp Landing Zone  
 Flatten Incisal edges  
 Bulk reduction of inclines



Move and Shape Cusps,  
 Inclines, Facial Surfaces



Brassler Brio Shine  
 FLBCER-1  
 FLBF-2

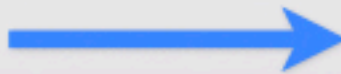


Premier 860.9 F Wheel Diamond  
 Premier 230 F Barrel Diamond  
 Neodiamond 1118.7F Roundend taper  
 Dedco Green Stone  
 White Arkansas stone  
 Filtek Supreme- B1B, Albond

# 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.



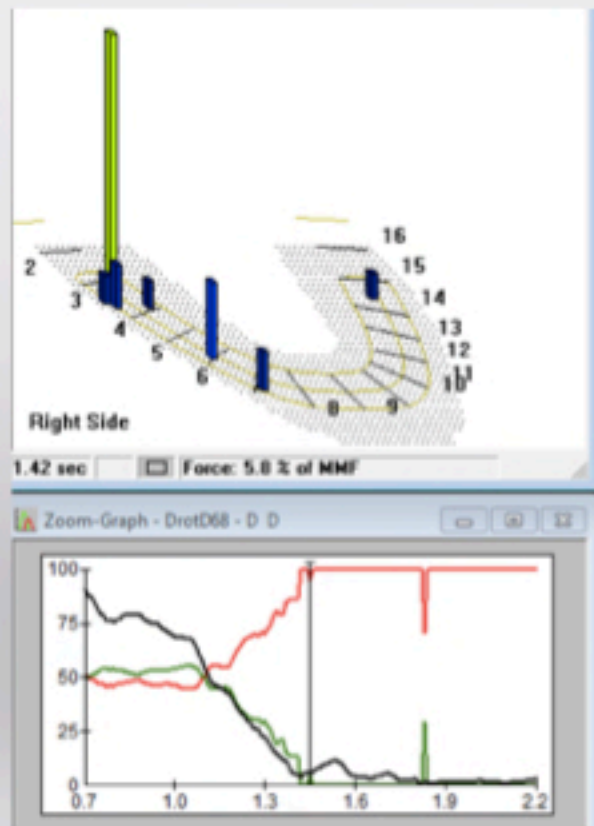
Before

After



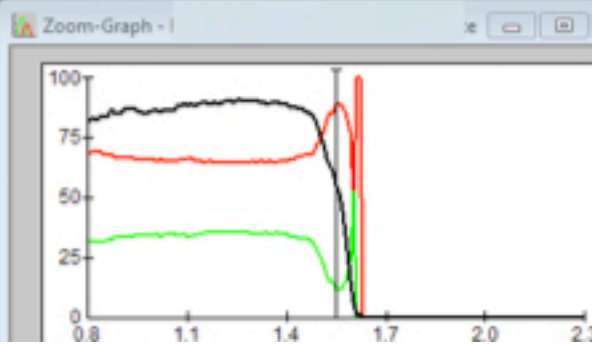
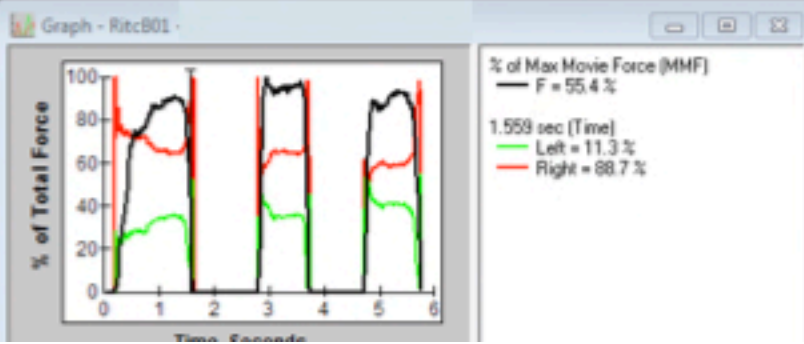
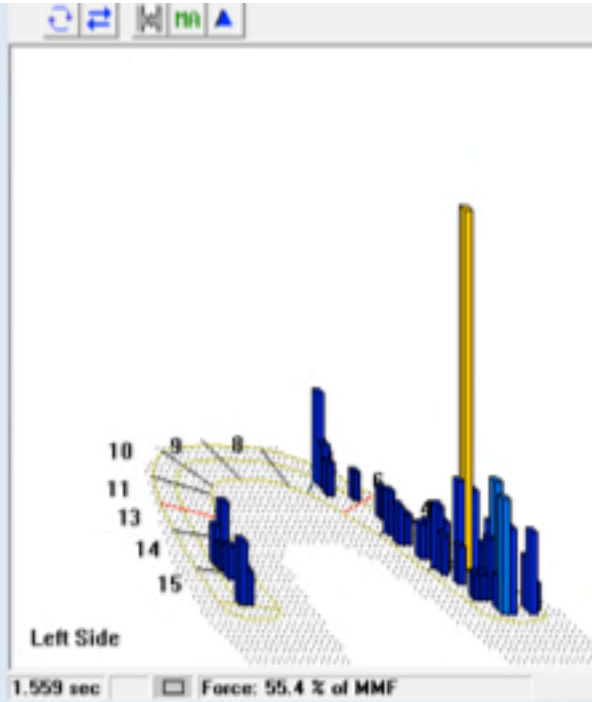
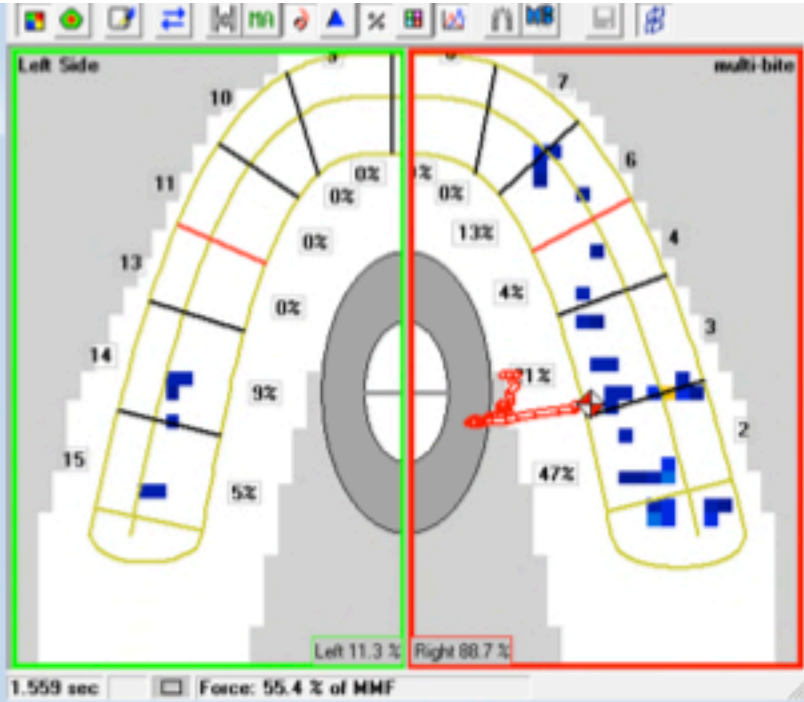
The indispensable value of T-Scan is not in finding heavy CR contacts, but working and nonworking contacts.

Is that a smudge or a muscle activating interference?



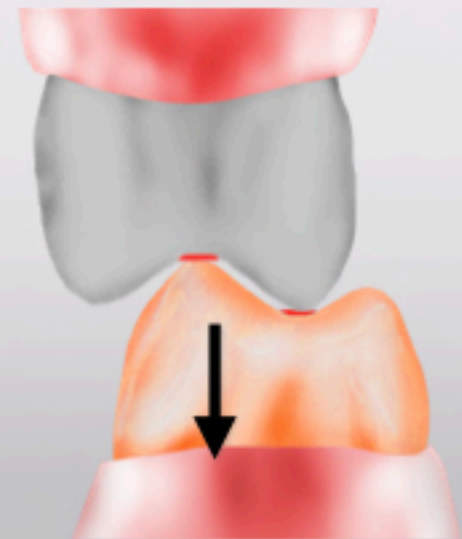
Remove too much and you decrease the ability to chew, especially lettuce. Chewing lettuce requires posterior inclines coming close enough to chew, but far enough apart to not touch and activate muscle.

T-Scan is excellent for Patient Education of Occlusal Pathology

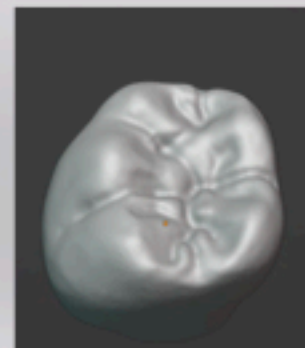
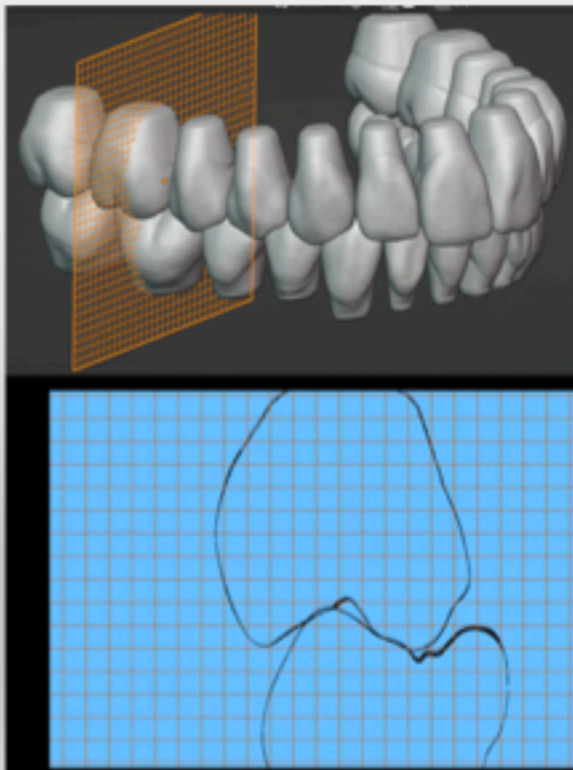


## Ideal Occlusion

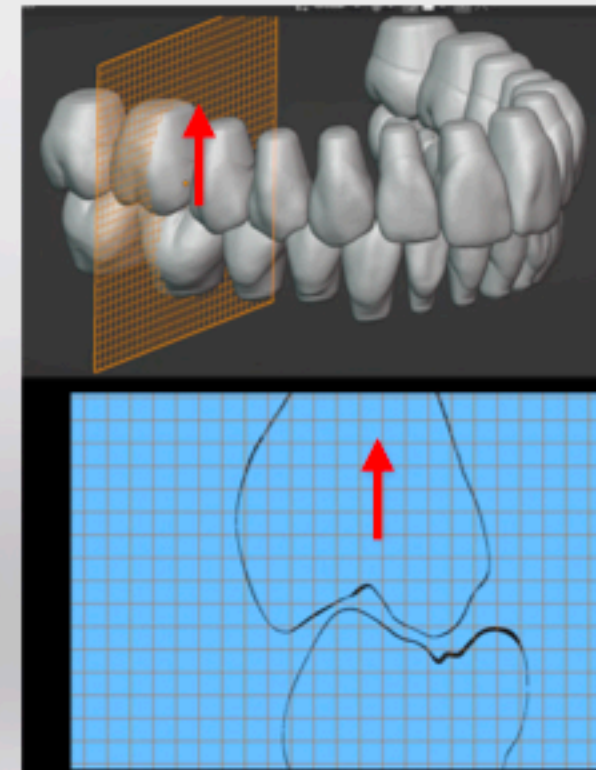
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## Digital Tooth Libraries Occlusal Contacts on Inclines



## Presets on how far out of occlusion to make crown



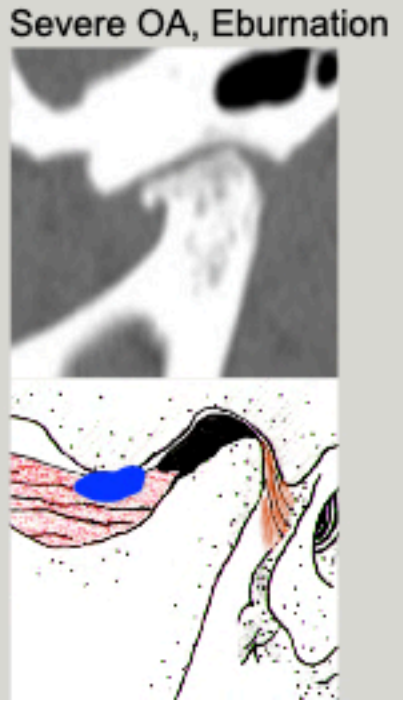
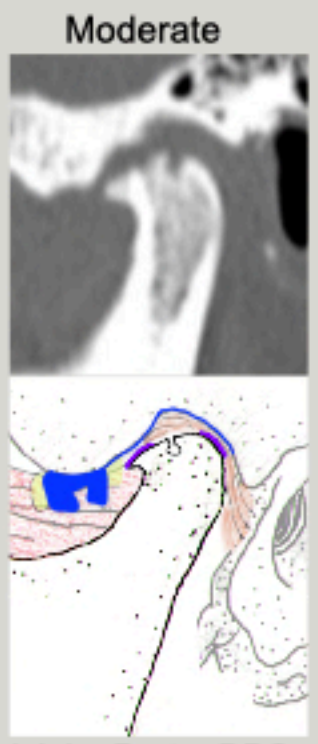
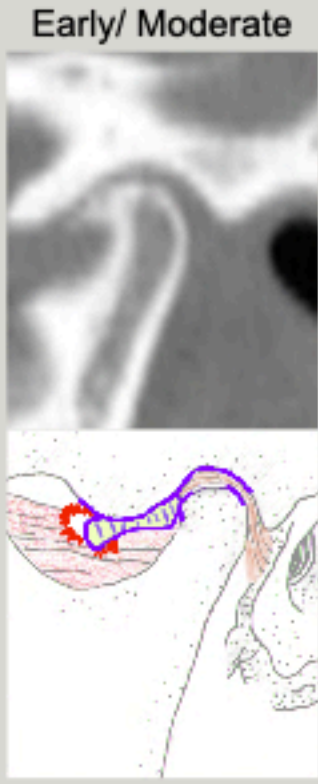
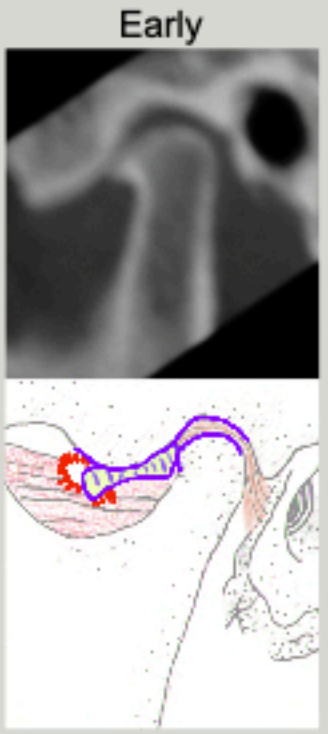
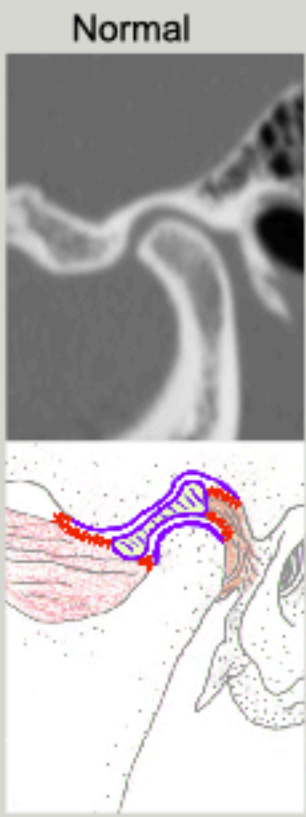


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# Osteoarthrosis/Osteoarthritis

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.**



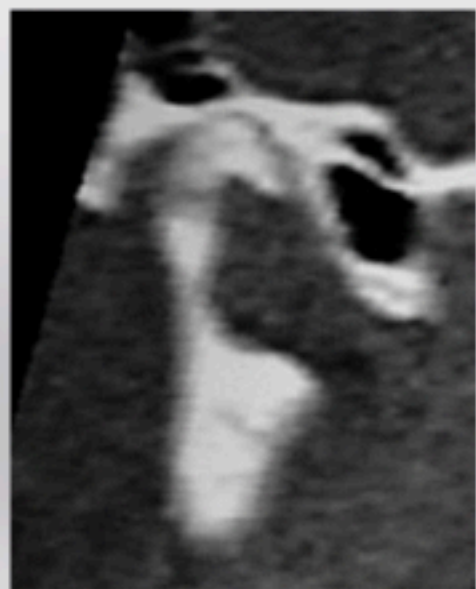
Representative examples of OA in different patients

Drawings by Gretta Tomb DDS and John Droter DDS

# Adaptation Chronic Bilateral Osteoarthritis

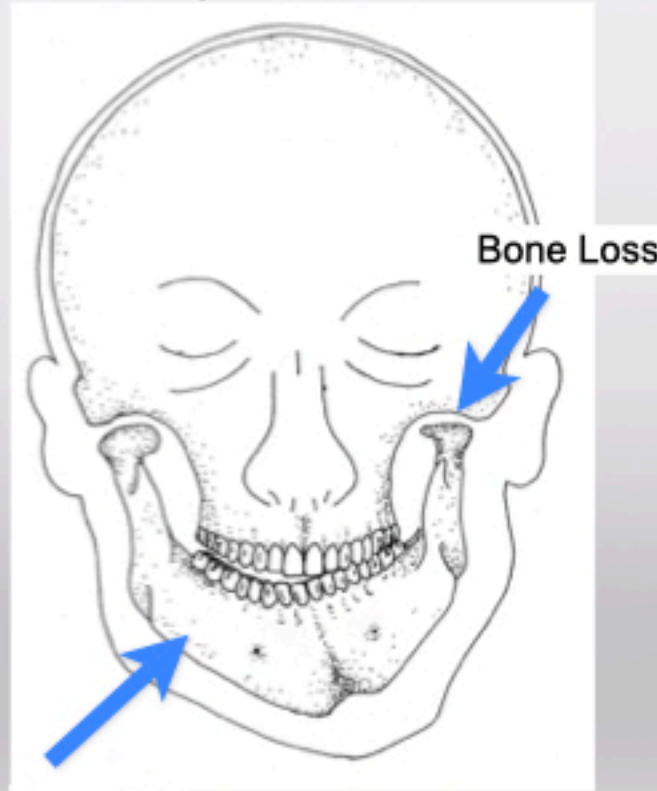
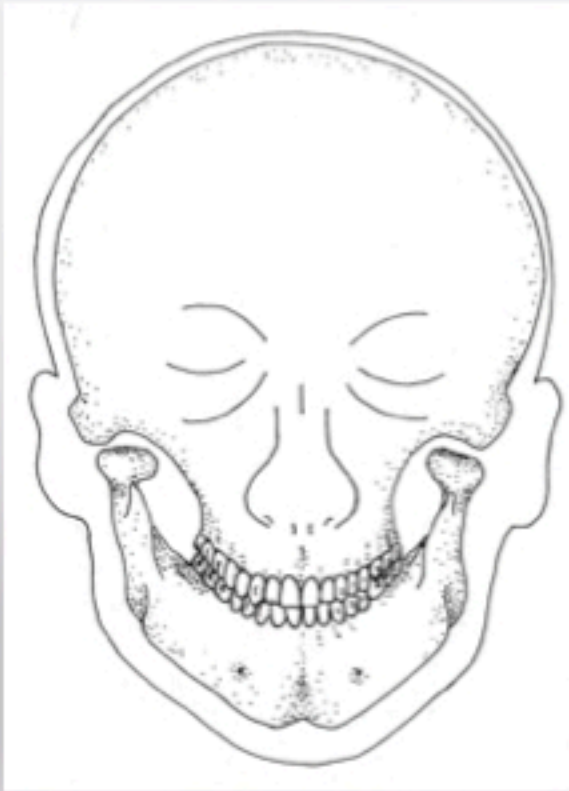
Mandible recedes Slowly  
Teeth Move/ Adapt  
Anterior Guidance gets steeper as Condylar Guidance get shallower

OA Right and Left Bone Loss  
#8 Ankylosed

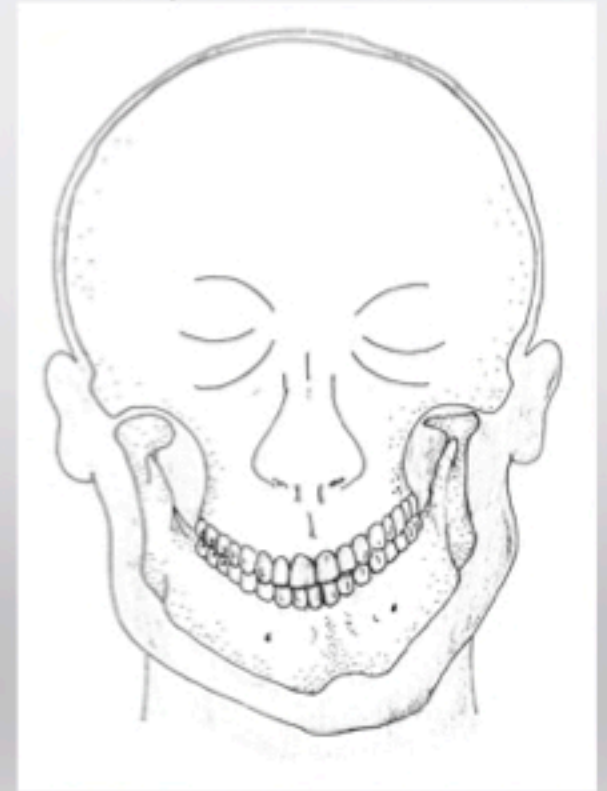


## Diseases that cause bone loss in the TMJ alter the Occlusion

Condylar Bone Loss



Adaptation Over Time



Drawings by Gretta Tomb, DDS

# Treatment OA

## Osteoarthrosis

Glucosamine 1500mg /Chondroitin 600 mg per day

Minimize parafunction:

D-PAS

Brux Pas

Posterior stop night guard



Shea Brand CBD

## Osteoarthritis

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

NSAIDs for 6+ weeks

Cold Laser

If still inflamed arthrocentesis with  
Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP)



MLS Laser  
9 sessions over 4 weeks

# MLS Laser: BioResearch

Multiwave Locked System Laser

808 nm Continuous, 905 nm Pulsed

Diode Laser

Stimulates metabolic processes in cells  
Increase release NO from cells  
Decrease inflammation  
Pain Reduction  
Faster Healing  
Eliminates Trigger Points  
Much better than Dry Needling



Chung, H., Dai, T., Sharma, S. K., Huang, Y.-Y., Carroll, J. D., & Hamblin, M. R. (2012). The nuts and bolts of low-level laser (light) therapy. *Annals of Biomedical Engineering*, 40(2), 516–533.

Ilbuldu E, Cakmak A, Disci R, Aydin R. Comparison of laser, dry needling, and placebo laser treatments in myofascial pain syndrome. *Photomed Laser Surg*. 2004 Aug;22(4):306-11.

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## Osteoarthrosis

Minimize parafunction:

If sleep grinding due to airway:

CPAP or Dental Airway Device

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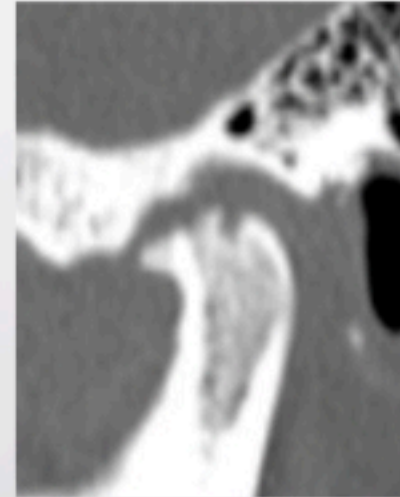
Anterior stop

Jaw Movement Exercises

If still pain in 6 -12 weeks of NSAID:

Arthrocentesis

Platelet Rich Plasma



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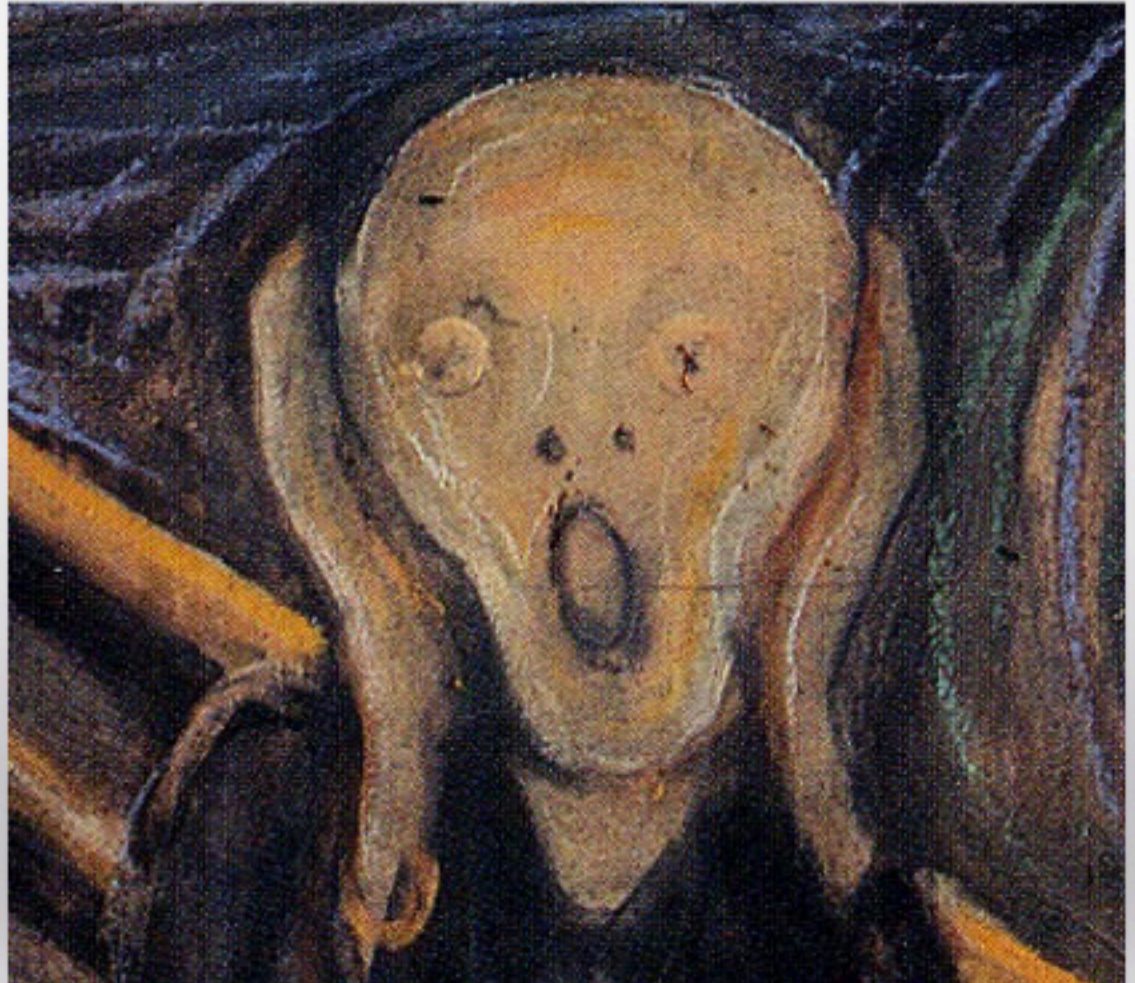


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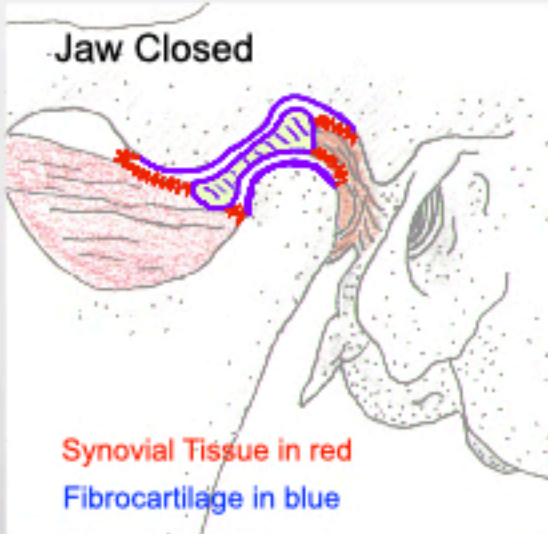
### Limited Opening

Diseases to consider and rule out:

- Pain Avoidance Sore Joint
- Pain Avoidance Sore Muscle
- Hematoma
- Muscle Spasm
- Masseteric Space Infection
- Nonreducing Disc (4b,3b Acute)
- Joint Fibrosis, Muscle Fibrosis
- Other

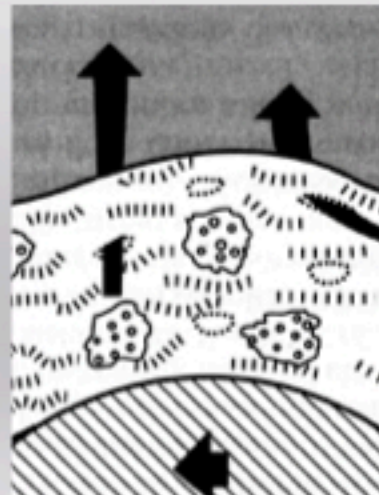
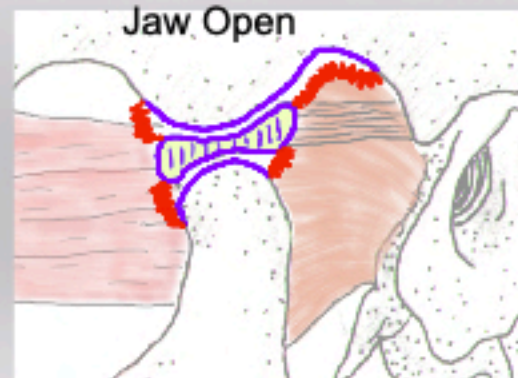
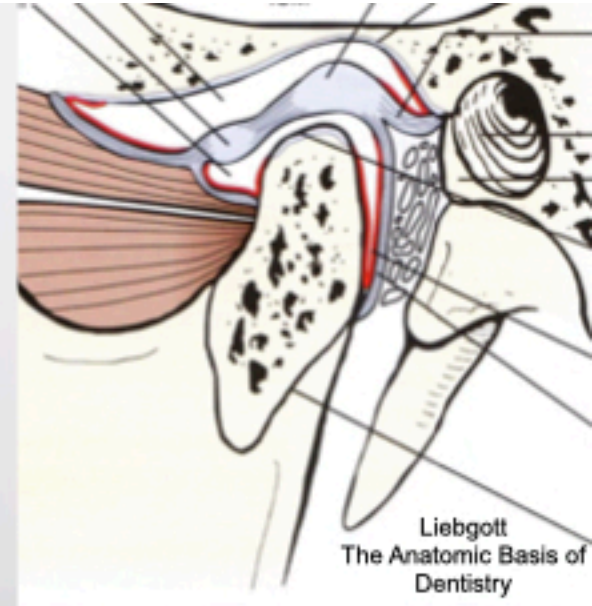


# Normal TMJ- Synovium, Cartilage



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

# Differential Diagnosis: Limited Joint Motion

Muscle Spasm

Painful to Move  
Joint Pain  
Muscle Pain

Mechanically Blocked  
4b Acute  
Adhesion

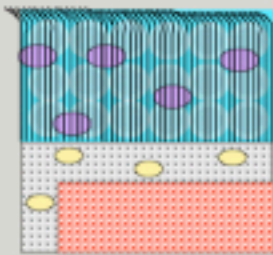
Masseteric Space  
Infection  
Hematoma

Lose 50% height of cartilage  
Proteoglycans not being produced by Chondrocytes  
Loss of 50% proteoglycans and water  
Collagen still intact  
Process is reversible  
Move joint with light force/repetitive motion next 30 days

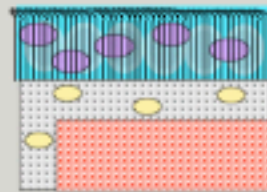
You have 6-8 weeks to get jaw moving  
before cartilage is irreversibly damaged,  
independent of the cause of the  
immobilization



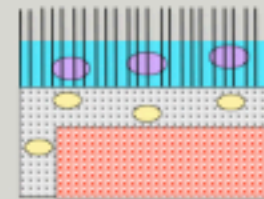
Healthy Cartilage



4 Weeks



8 Weeks

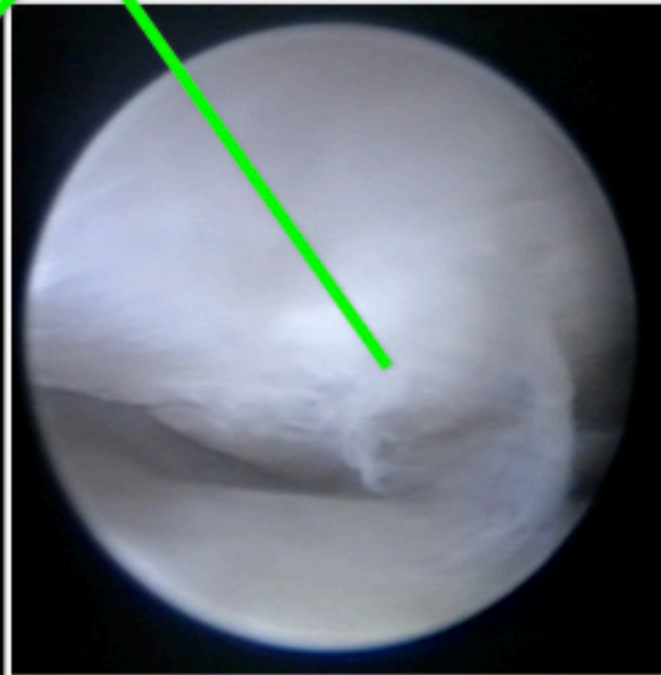
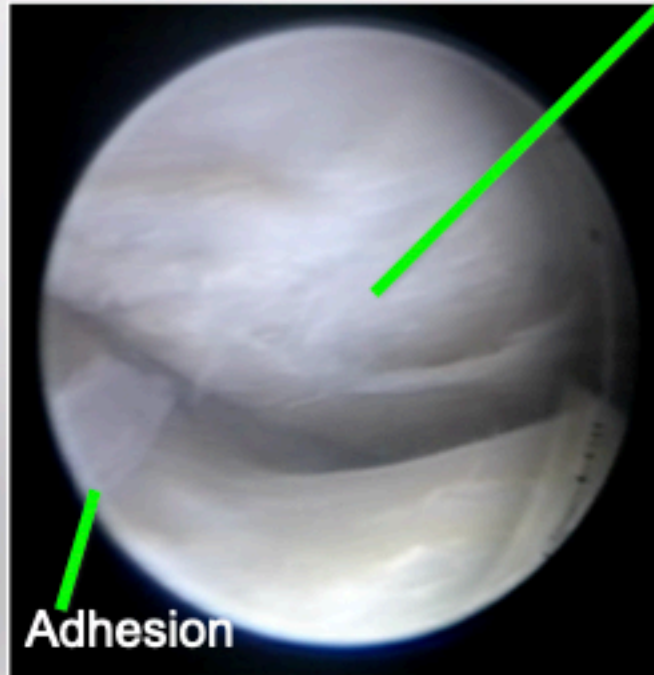
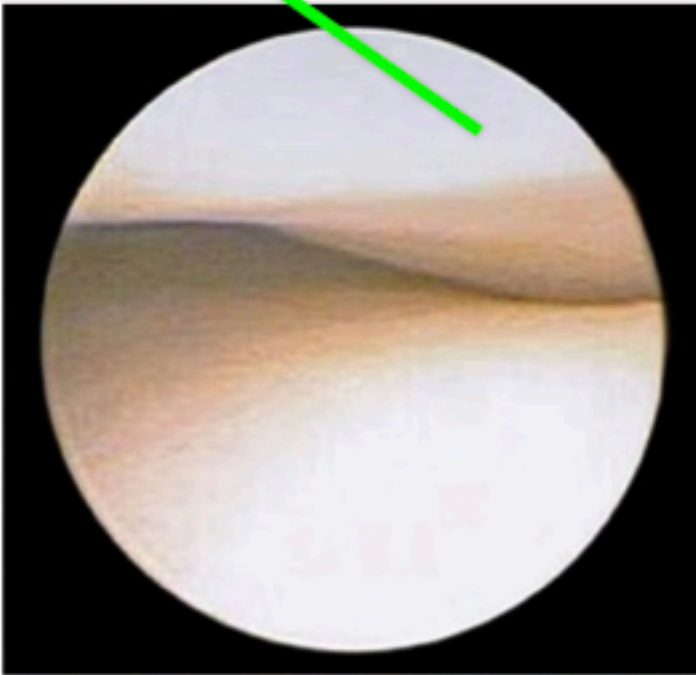


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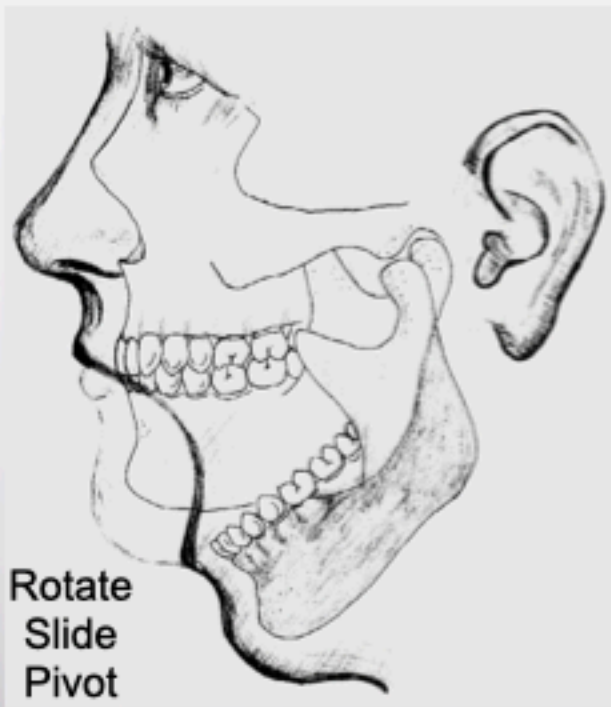
# Arthroscopic View Left TMJ

Eminence Healthy Cartilage

Eminence Necrotic Cartilage



Not Same Patient



Rotate  
Slide  
Pivot

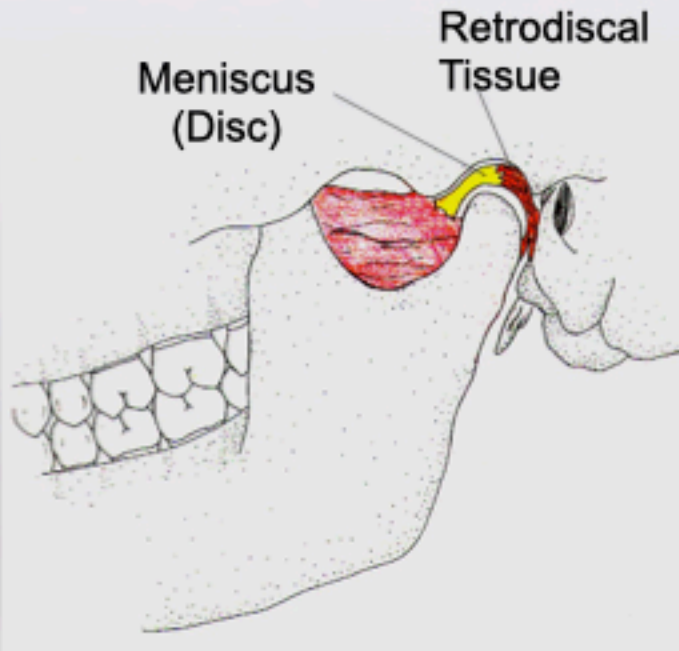
Rotation only 25mm

Max Open	40-55mm
Right Lateral	10-12mm
Left Lateral	10-12mm
Protrusive	10-12mm



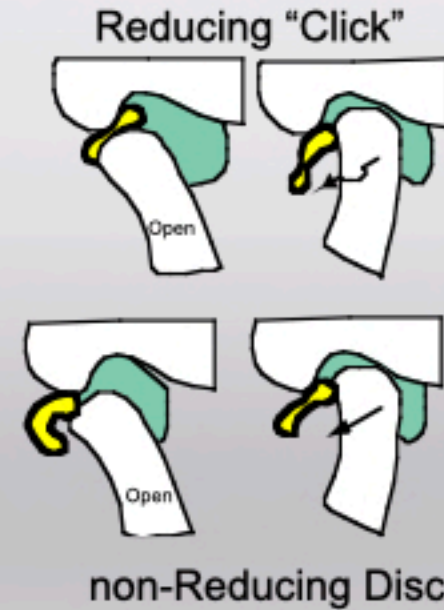
TMJ has 2 Joint Compartments:

Upper- Translation  
Lower- Rotation



Acute non-Reducing Disc  
Limits Translation.

"Old Adapted" may have  
full range of motion.



# Limited Opening Algorithm

## Differential Diagnosis Limited Opening:

- Pain Avoidance Sore Joint
- Pain Avoidance Sore Muscle
- Hematoma
- Muscle Spasm
- Masseteric Space Infection
- Nonreducing Disc (4b,3b Acute)
- Joint Fibrosis, Muscle Fibrosis
- Other

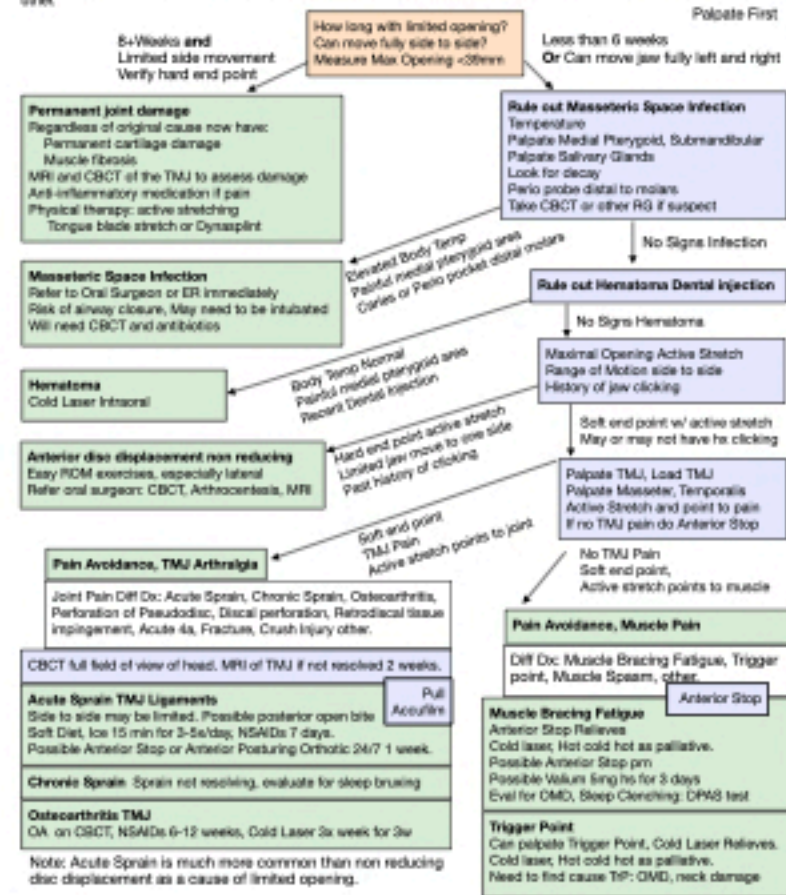
## Diagnostic Tests:

- History: How long limited
- Body Temperature
- Caries Exam, Perio exam
- ROM open, side to side
- Gentle Active stretch
- Point to area of pain
- Anterior Stop
- If needed CBCT, MRI



## Dr Droter's Limited Opening Algorithm

Differential Diagnosis Limited Opening (Less than 30mm): Pain Avoidance Sore Joint, Pain Avoidance Sore Muscle, Hematoma, Muscle Spasm, Masseteric Space Infection, Nonreducing Disc (4b,3b Acute), Joint Fibrosis, Muscle Fibrosis, other



**Subjective:**

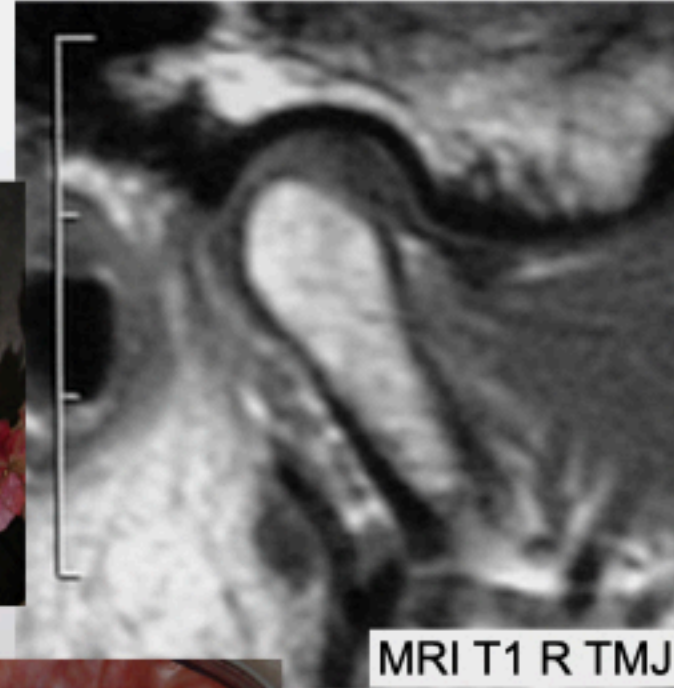
Dentist doing crown prep #30 1 week ago  
Severe pain Right TMJ after moving jaw at end of appt  
Constant deep pain Right TMJ  
Limited opening

**Objective:**

Limited opening 32mm, Mandible shifts Left  
Normal side to side motion  
98 temp, normal perio probe 2nd molars, no caries  
No pain palpation RL Medial Pterygoid  
Soft end point on active stretch, 45mm, R TMJ pain  
Right TMJ pain to palpation, Left TMJ normal  
Posterior openbite Right, does not hold Accufilm

**Assessment:**

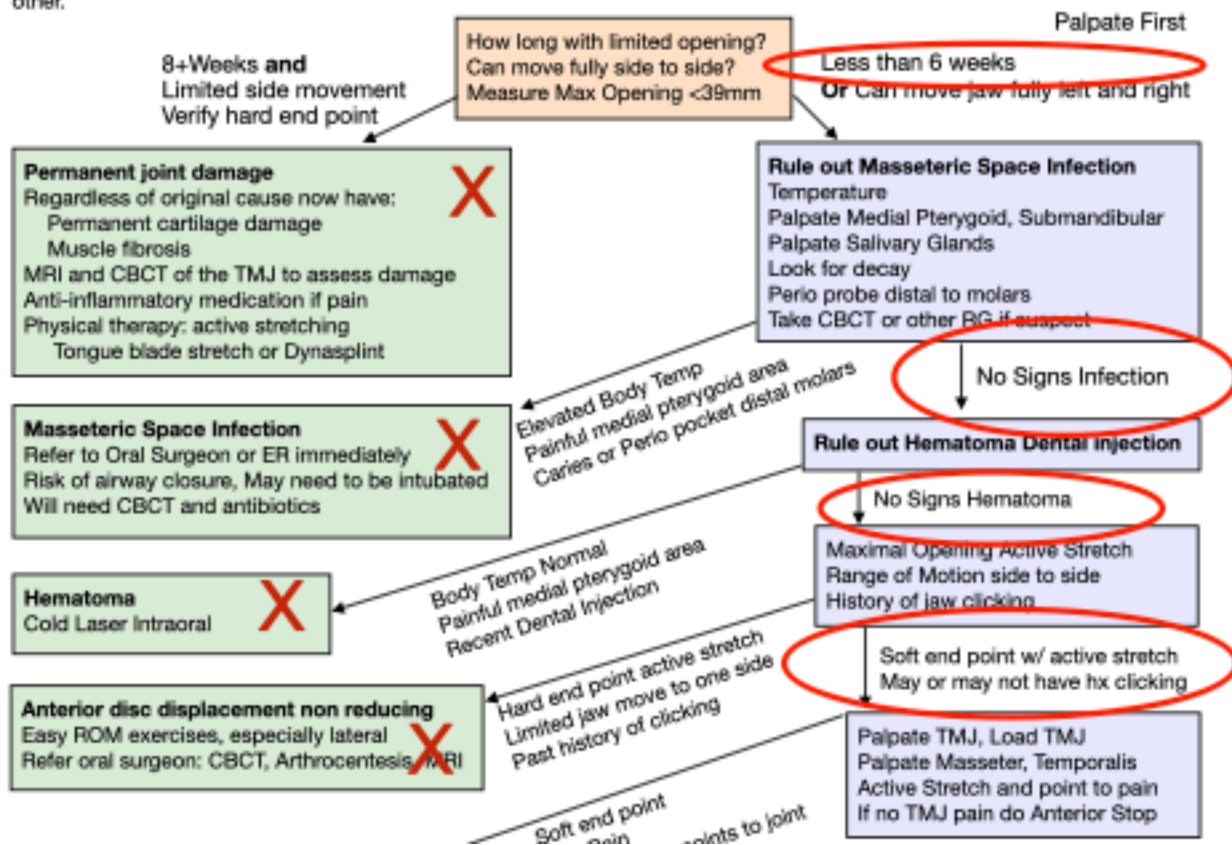
Limited opening due to Right TMJ pain avoidance  
Acute Sprain Right TMJ Ligaments



## Dr Droter's Limited Opening Algorithm

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Differential Diagnosis Limited Opening (Less than 39mm): Pain Avoidance Sore Joint, Pain Avoidance Sore Muscle, Hemtoma, Muscle Spasm, Masseteric Space Infection, Nonreducing Disc (4b,3b Acute), Joint Fibrosis, Muscle Fibrosis, other.



### Objective:

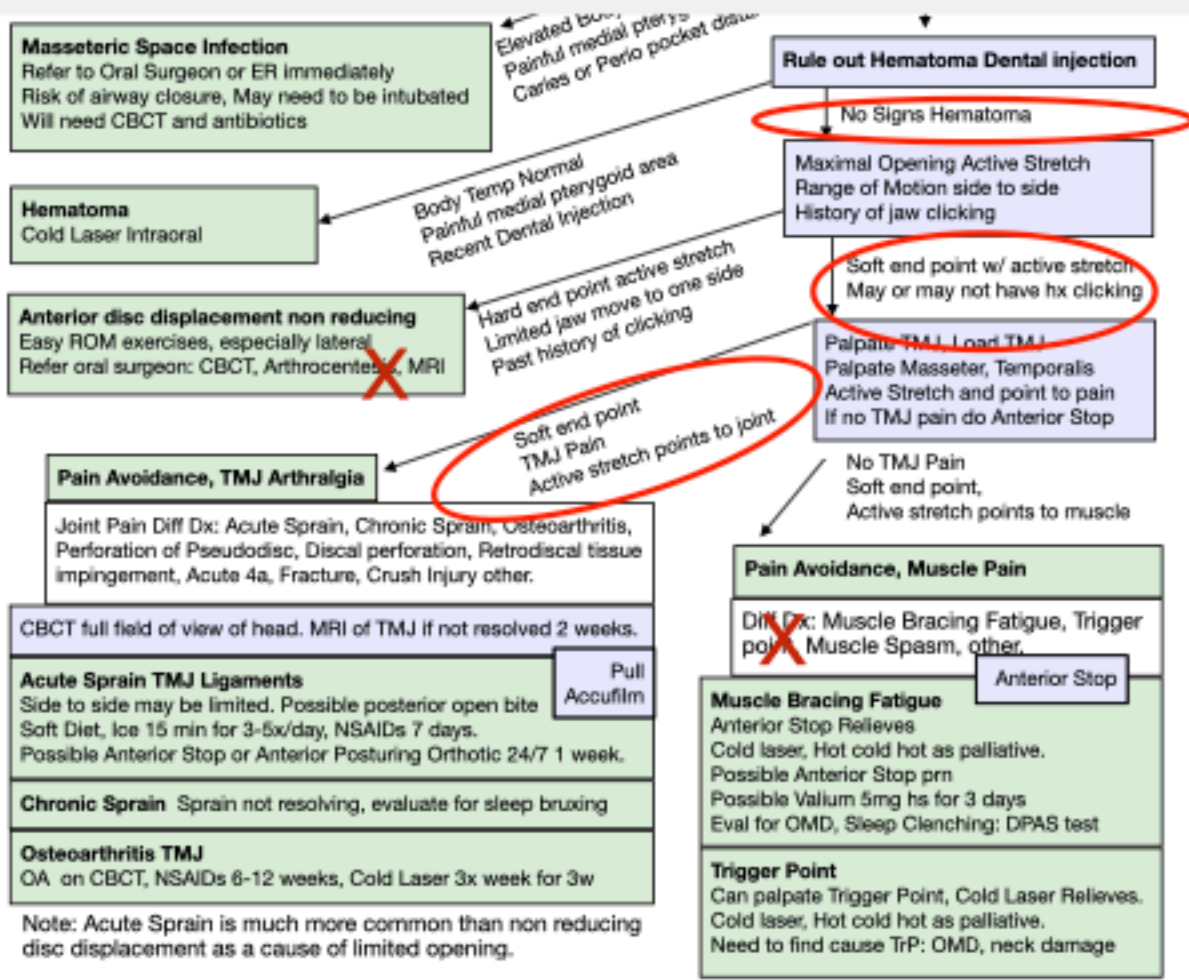
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**Working Diagnosis:** Sprain Discal Ligament TMJ, acute with joint edema.  
Pain Avoidance Sore Joint. Muscle bracing painful joint.

**Treatment:**

Ice 15-20 minutes for 3-5x 2 days only

Anterior repositioning orthotic 24/7 one week

NSAID for 5 days- 800mg Advil Liquid gel caps, q8h

Soft chew diet

At 1 week Anterior repositioning orthotic sleep only for second week

Week 3, no orthotic, reintroduce harder foods



At 4 weeks patient had full ROM  
No clicking

## Another Case Limited Opening :

### Subjective:

Finished Invisalign 1 year ago  
Has been clenching her teeth  
Months ago jaw started locking in the morning on waking  
8 weeks ago pain right jaw joint, could not open all the way  
Motrin 800 mg upset stomach

### Objective:

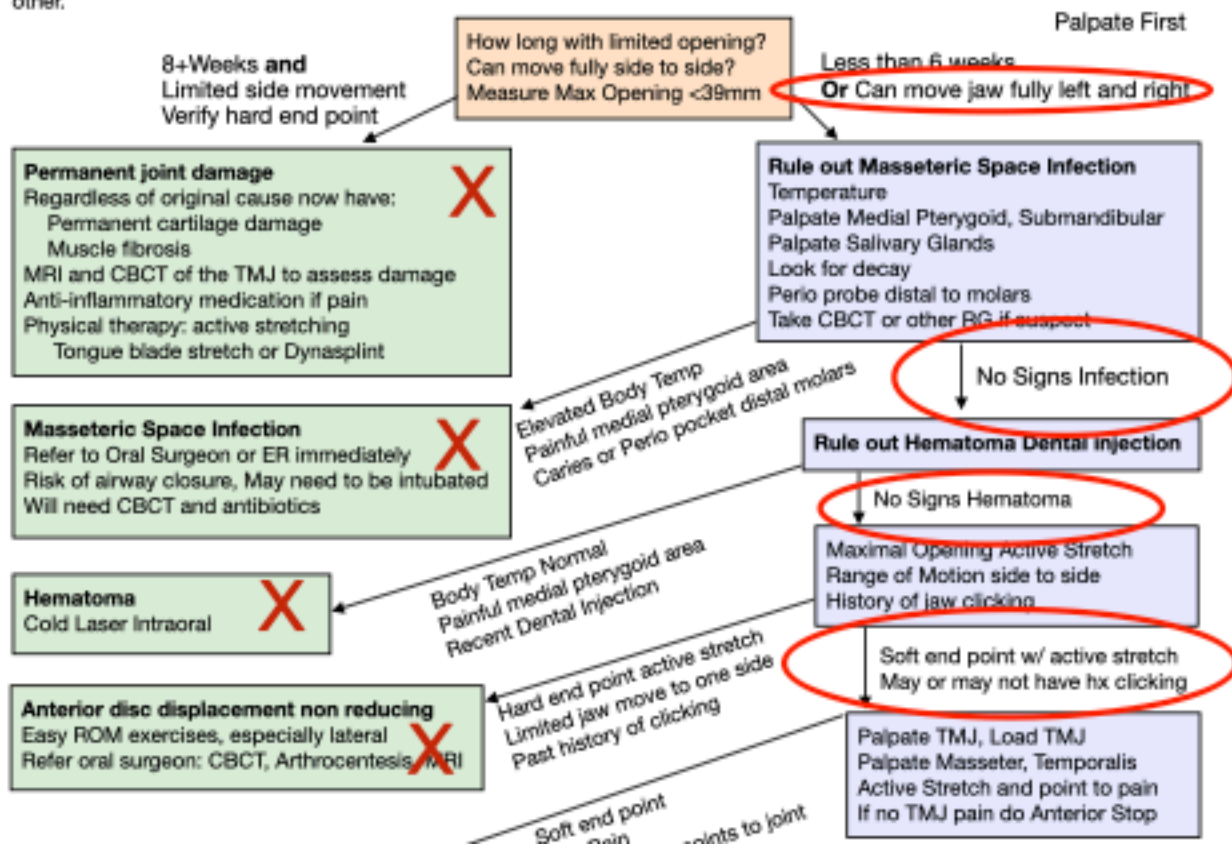
Limited opening 25, Mandible shifts right  
Normal side to side motion  
98 temp, normal perio probe 2nd molars, no caries  
No pain palpation RL Medial Pterygoid  
Soft end point on active stretch, 35mm, R TMJ pain  
Right TMJ pain to palpation, Left TMJ normal  
Posterior cross bite on left



## Dr Droter's Limited Opening Algorithm

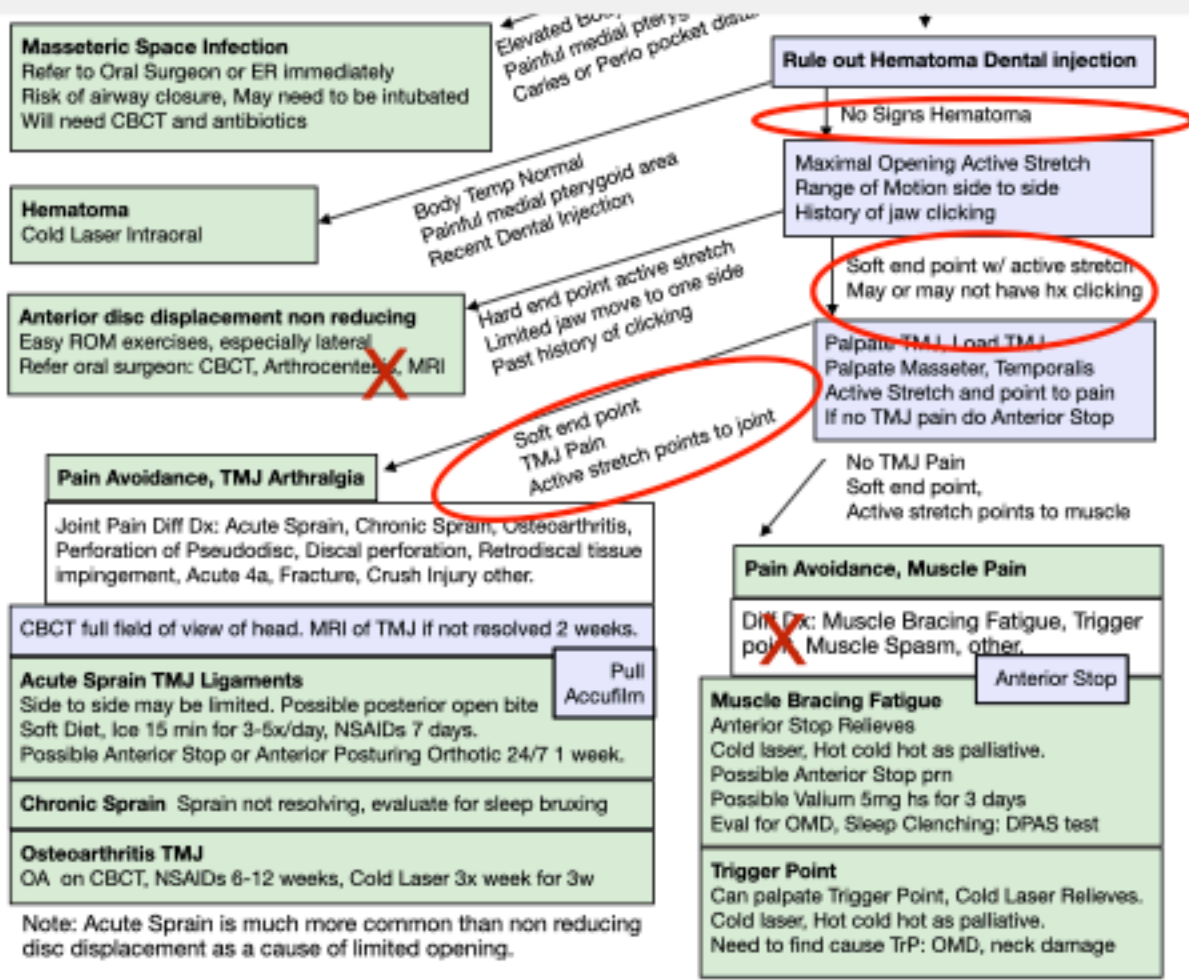
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### Objective:

Limited opening 25mm, Mandible shifts Left  
Normal side to side motion  
Normal temp, normal perio probe 2nd molars  
No caries  
No pain palpation RL Medial Pterygoid  
Soft end point on active stretch, 35mm,  
with R TMJ pain  
Right TMJ pain to palpation, Left TMJ normal



**Working Diagnosis:**  
**Acute Sprain Right TMJ Ligaments**  
**Limited opening due to muscle bracing Right TMJ pain**

# Current Sprain Protocol

We used Advil gel caps  
600mg tid with food



Temporary Anterior Stop  
ArrowPath Sleep

Soft chew diet

Ice over TMJ 15 minutes 3-5 times a day for 3-5 days,

Ice 2-3x a day for additional 3 days if needed

NSAID: Advil Liquid Gel Caps 200mg, 3 caps 3x a day

or Aleve Liquid Gel Caps 220mg, 1 cap twice a day for 5 days or

Temporary upper Anterior Stop for sleep

Cold Laser 350 hz both joints: 30 seconds open, 30 seconds closed

If still sore in 1 week will need TMJ imaging: CBCT and MRI

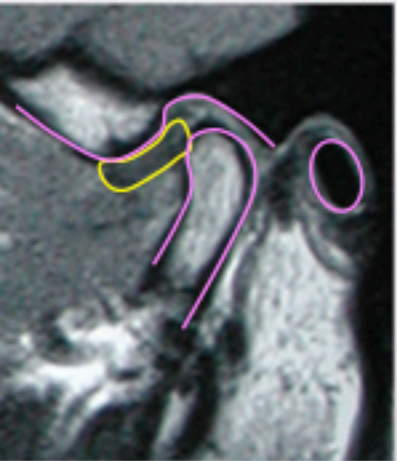


MLS Cold Laser  
BioResearch

## 6 Common TMDs

Diagnosis	Pattern	Treatment
Clenching	Patient is aware Masseters Ache Morning TMJ clicking that resolves	Occlusal Adjust D-PAS Night Guard (if inhibition) Magnesium and Vitamin C hs
Sleep Grinding	Worn Teeth	Protective night guard Airway night night guard
Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction	Sore muscles when chewing Sore Lateral Pterygoid, Headaches Day D-PAS Relieves Symptoms	Occlusal Adjustment
Osteoarthritis of TMJ	Arthralgia CBCT shows worn bone loss MRI T2, STIR ++	NSAID for 6-12 weeks Occlusal Adjustment Do not put in a night guard
Sprain Discal Ligament TMJ, Acute	Sudden onset pain TMJ, sore TMJ Limited opening Soft end point active stretch	Cold Laser, Ice 15 min 3x a day Rest, Soft diet, NSAID 7 days Anterior Reposition Orthotic 7 days
Acute Closed Lock TMJ	Sore TMJ Limited opening Hard end point active stretch	Arthrocentesis with PRP

# Treatment Acute Closed Lock



Anterior Stop or D-PAS for 3 weeks

Jaw Movement Exercises

Open Close  
Front Back  
Left Right

Cold Laser  
Ice  
NSAID



If still locked arthrocentesis with:  
Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP)  
Anterior stop  
Jaw Movement Exercises





## 6 Common TMDs

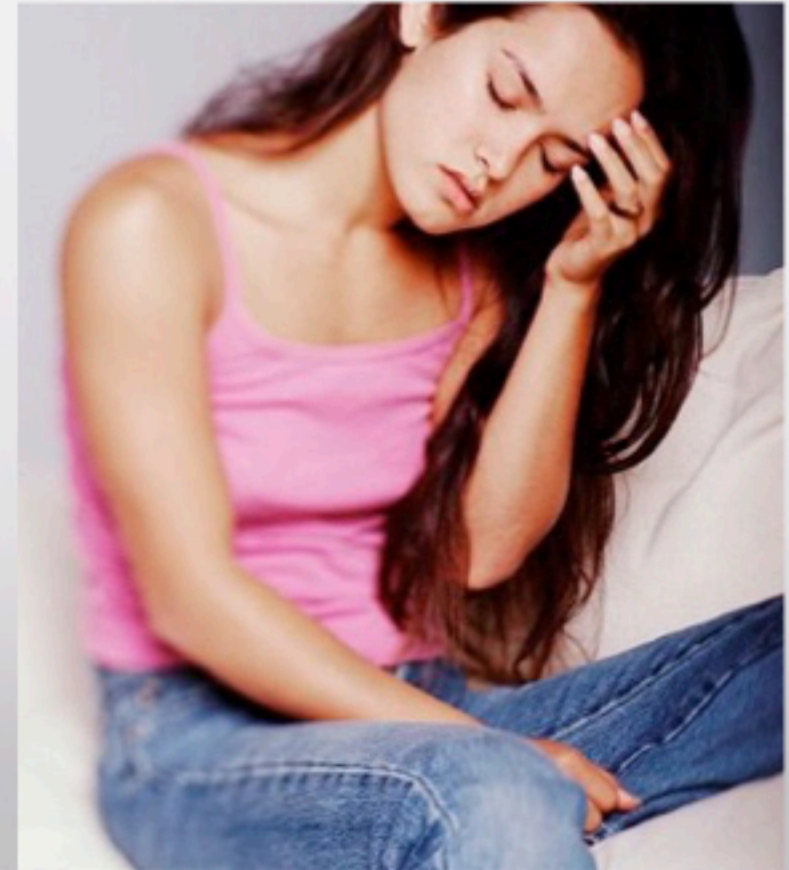
- Parafunctional Clenching
- Parafunctional Grinding
- Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction
- Osteoarthritis
- Acute Sprain
- Acute Closed lock of TMJ disc

## 5 Common Obstacles

- Neck and Postural Instability
- Wobbly TM Joint (Subluxation)
- Compromised Breathing/Airway
- Avascular Necrosis
- Referred Pain Muscle Triggerpoints

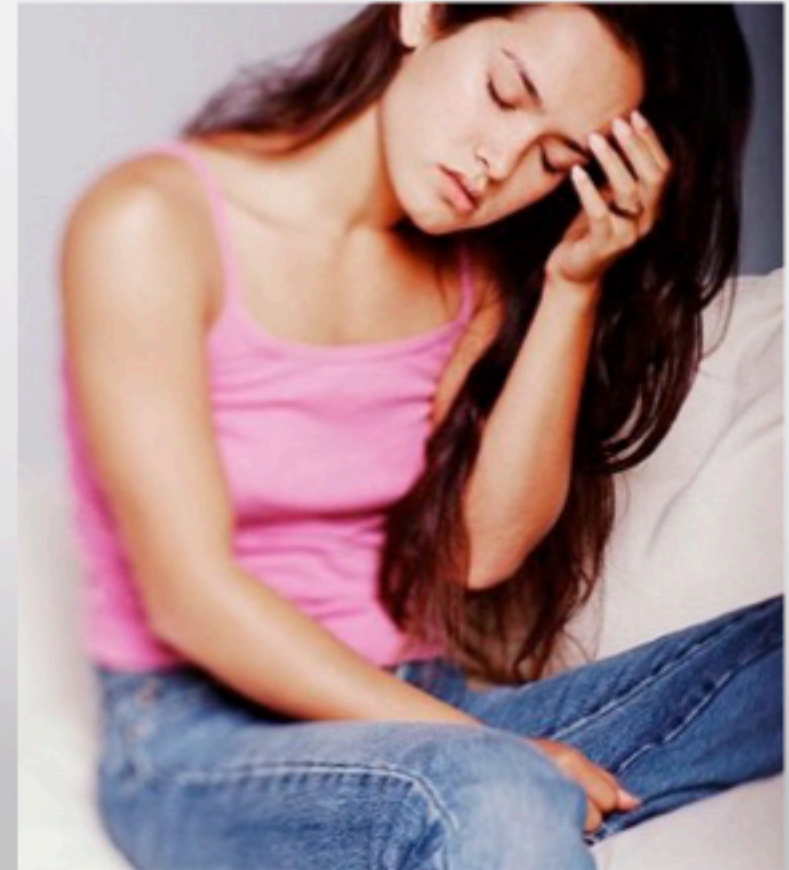
## 1 TMD that **usually** does not need therapy

- TMJ Clicking



## 5 Common Obstacles

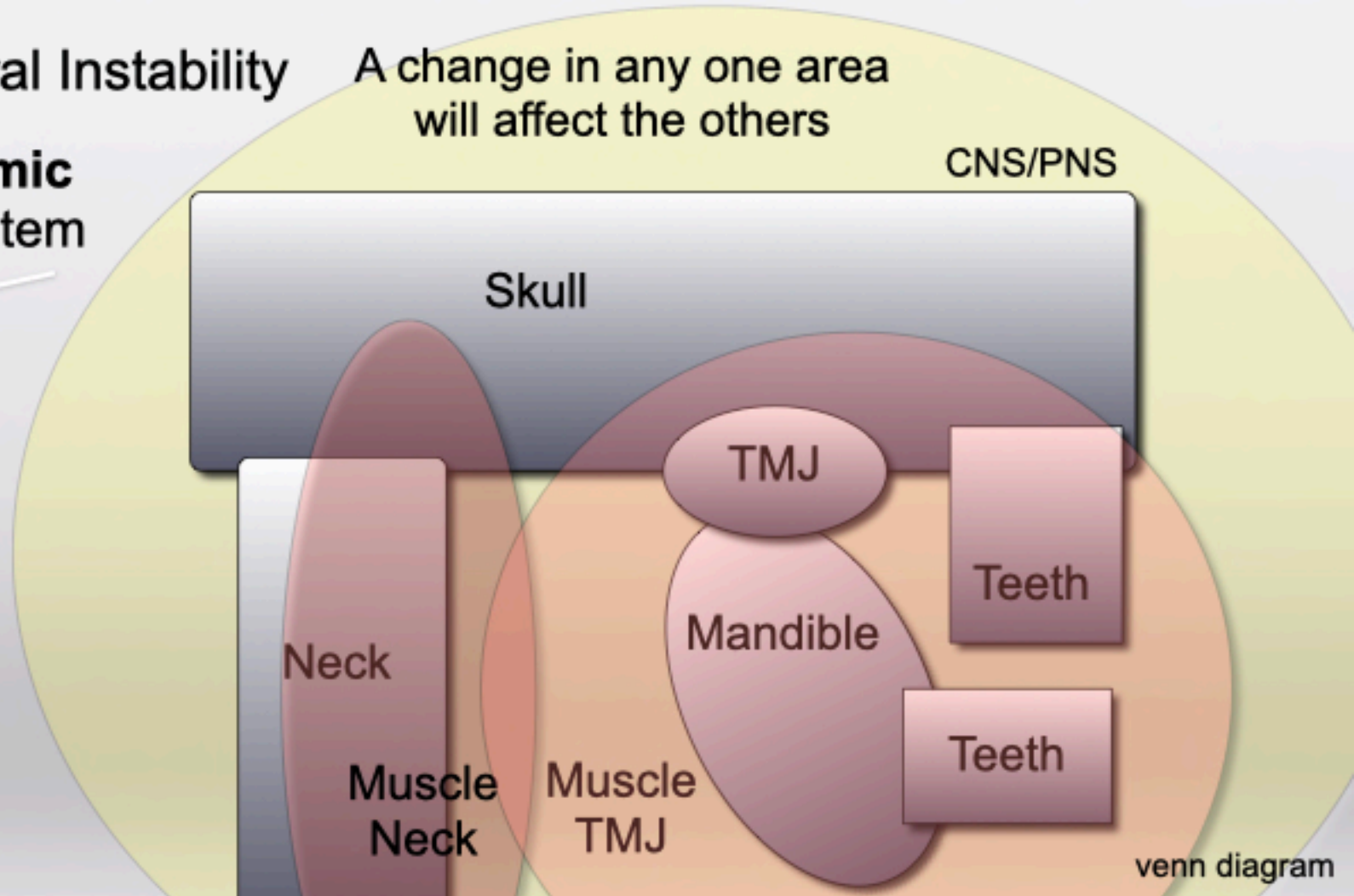
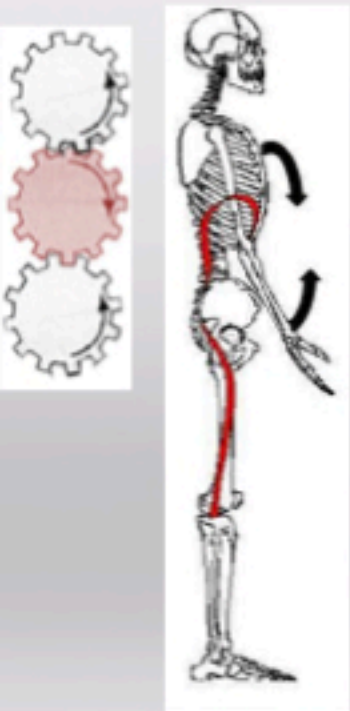
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Compromised Breathing/Airway  
Avascular Necrosis  
Referred Pain Muscle Triggerpoints



# Neck and Postural Instability

A change in any one area will affect the others

This is a **dynamic** orthopedic System



venn diagram

# Non-Linear Joint Deformity- Mechanically Unstable TMJs- “Wobbly Joint”

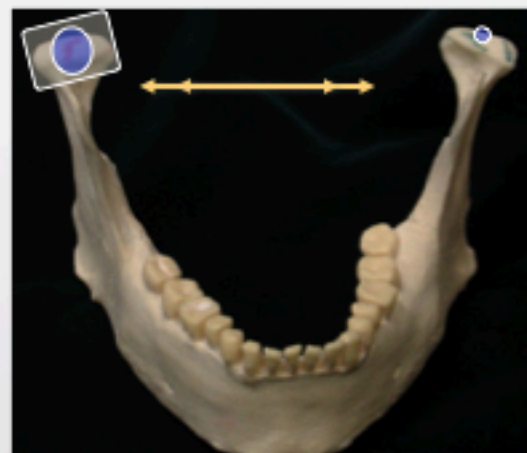
TM Joint subluxates under load  
Adapted CR “wobbles”

TMJ Muscle hyperactivity  
Looks similar to OMD  
Muscles must stabilize the joint  
Deep temporalis especially sore

Clinically:  
Hypersensitive bite  
Increase muscle pain with anterior deprogrammer  
Continued muscle disharmony with flat plane orthotics  
CT Scan- CR load zone not medial  
JVA- after tooth tap see “wobble- 50hz vibration

How to Avoid Missing Dx- Offer complete exam to crown patients  
Include anterior stop dx test  
Let patients decide which risk to take.

Treatment: Lock-in Orthotic 6 months, the CR orthotic, then D-PAS.



# Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop

D-PAS Test: Wear 2 weeks for sleep, and occasional daytime

## Better- Decrease in Symptoms

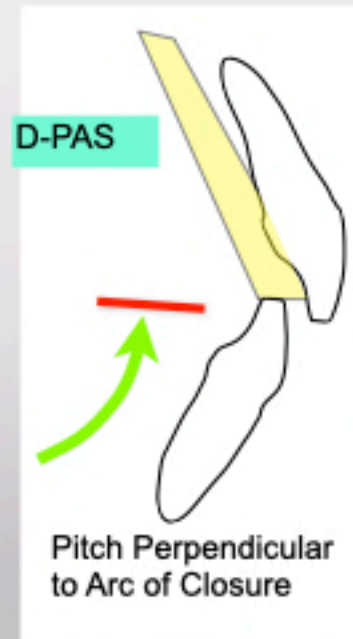
Sleep Clenching Inhibited: Wear D-PAS as night guard  
Orthotic Improved Airway: D-PAS as night guard  
Occlusal Muscle Disharmony: Occlusal Adjust

## Worse- Increase in Symptoms

Mechanically Unstable TMJ, joint subluxation  
Intracapsular Problem TMJ  
Orthotic Made Sleep Airway Worse

## Stays the Same- No Change in Symptoms

Damaged TMJ are mechanically stable  
Pain not related to occlusion



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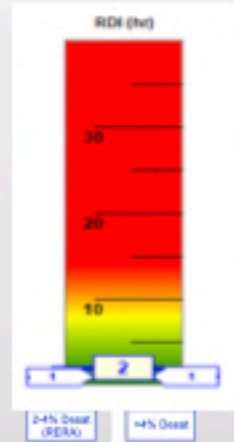
Age 16F  
 cc: Facial Pain, Excessive Daytime Fatigue



Medical Sleep Study in Lab RDI = 1  
 Dx: Snoring without evidence of gas exchange abnormalities or sleep disruptions

Sleep Latency Test  
 Dx: Narcolepsy  
 Recommend daytime medication

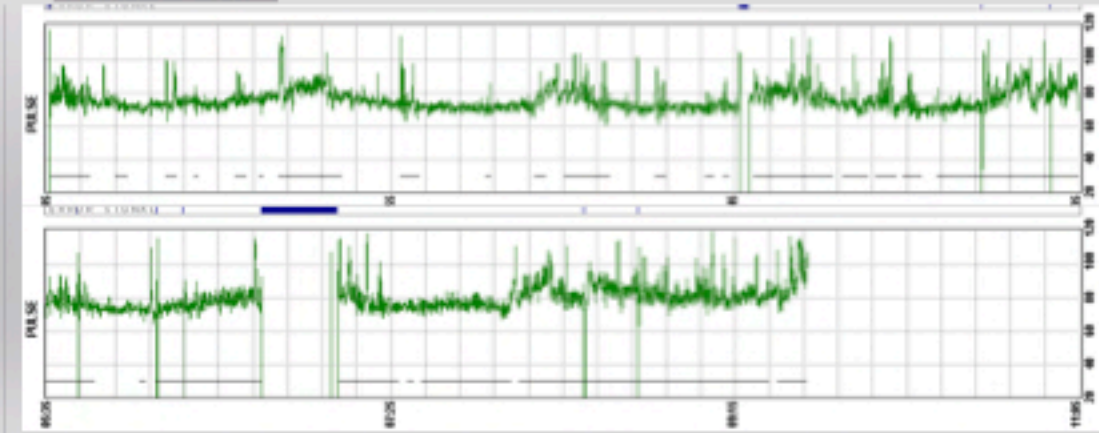
Patient Safety Inc Pulse Ox Sleep Screening  
 RDI = 2, Autonomic Arousal **31 /h**



PULSE RATE DATA	
<b>Autonomic Arousal</b>	Index (#/hr): 31
<b>Pulse Rate Range</b>	Mean: 78
	Min: 34
	Max: 122
<b>Tachycardia - Sleep (&gt;90 bpm)</b>	Duration: 00:34:56
	% (VRT): 6%
<b>Bradycardia - Sleep (&lt;50 bpm)</b>	Duration: 00:00:35
	% (VRT): 0%



Heart Rate >90 bpm for 35 min



Age 19F  
 cc: Severe jaw pain since  
 12y/o, Wiggle jaw to open



Patient Safety  
 Inc Pulse Ox  
 Sleep Screening



Brux PAS pm wear, jaw exercises

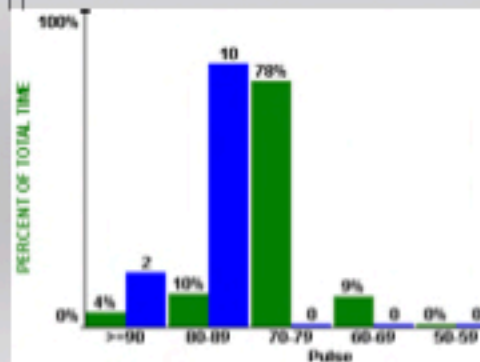
1 week, significant decrease in pain,  
 much less wiggle to open.



4% RDI = 3/h  
 Autonomic Arousals **19 /h**

PULSE RATE DATA	
Autonomic Arousals	Index (#/hr): 19
Pulse Rate Range	Mean: 76
	Min: 60
	Max: 225

**76**

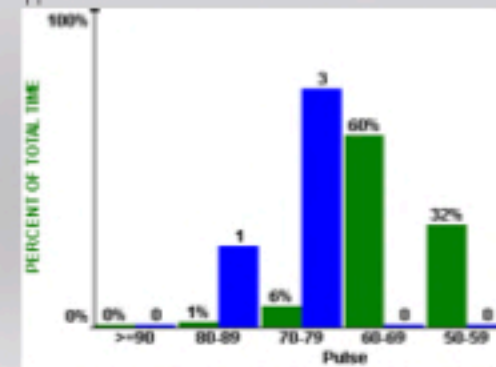


Brux-PAS

4% RDI = 1/hr  
 Autonomic Arousals **9 /h**

PULSE RATE DATA	
Autonomic Arousals	Index (#/hr): 9
Pulse Rate Range	Mean: 63
	Min: 52
	Max: 120

**63**



# Disordered Breathing Disease Progression

## Disease Stage 1

### Predisposing Factors

#### **Small Airway**

Tongue Tie, Lip Tie  
Bottle Fed as Infant  
Dysfunctional Swallow  
Allergies  
Nasal Obstruction  
Large Tonsil  
Large Adenoids  
Large Tongue  
Mid-face Deficient  
Mandibular Deficient  
4 Bicuspid Extraction

## Disease Stage 2

### Compensation: Airway Maintained

#### Signs

Mouth Breathing  
Head Postured Forward  
Jaw Postured Forward  
Tongue Bracing  
Indents in Tongue  
Sore Masseters  
Sore Neck Muscles

#### Symptoms

Facial Ache  
Not Waking Rested  
Daily Fatigue  
Neck Soreness

## Disease Stage 3

### Sleep Airway Partial Collapse

#### Signs

All of stage 1 and 2 plus.....  
Upper Airway Resistance  
2-4% Drop O<sub>2</sub> Saturation  
RERA- Respiratory Arousals  
Sleep Teeth Grinding  
↓ Growth Hormone

#### Symptoms

Heart Rate Fluctuation  
Snoring or "Purring"  
Weight Gain  
Cognitive Impairment, ADD  
Hyperactivity

## Disease Stage 4

### Sleep Airway Full collapse

#### Signs

All of stage 1, 2, 3 plus....  
4%+ drop O<sub>2</sub> Saturation  
Apnea  
Cardiovascular Damage  
Elevated BP  
GERD

#### Symptoms

All of stage 2, 3 plus....  
Worn Teeth



# Disordered Breathing Disease Stage 4

OSA- Obstructive Sleep Apnea

AHI- Apnea Hypopnea Index

Apnea and Hypopnea events per hour

Apnea- Stop airflow for 10 seconds

Hypopnea- <50% airflow or 4+% O<sub>2</sub> Desaturation

Disease Stage 1	Disease Stage 2	Disease Stage 3	Disease Stage 4
<p><b>Predisposing Factors</b></p> <p><b>Small Airway</b></p> <p>Tongue Tie, Lip Tie</p> <p>Bottle Fed as Infant</p> <p>Dysfunctional Swallow</p> <p>Allergies</p> <p>Nasal Obstruction</p> <p>Large Tonsil</p> <p>Large Adenoids</p> <p>Large Tongue</p> <p>Mid-face Deficient</p> <p>Mandibular Deficient</p> <p>4 Bicupid Extraction</p>	<p><b>Compensation: Airway Maintained</b></p> <p><b>Signs</b></p> <p>Mouth Breathing</p> <p>Head Postured Forward</p> <p>Jaw Postured Forward</p> <p>Tongue Boacing</p> <p>Indents in Tongue</p> <p>Sore Masseters</p> <p>Sore Neck Muscles</p> <p><b>Symptoms</b></p> <p>Facial Ache</p> <p>Not Waking Rested</p> <p>Daily Fatigue</p> <p>Neck Soreness</p>	<p><b>Sleep Airway Partial Collapse</b></p> <p><b>Signs</b></p> <p>All of stage 1 and 2 plus....</p> <p>Upper Airway Resistance</p> <p>2-4% Drop O<sub>2</sub> Saturation</p> <p>RERA- Respiratory Arousal</p> <p>Sleep Teeth Grinding</p> <p>↓ Growth Hormone</p> <p><b>Symptoms</b></p> <p>Heart Rate Fluctuation</p> <p>Snoring or "Purring"</p> <p>Weight Gain</p> <p>Cognitive Impairment, ADD</p> <p>Hyperactivity</p>	<p><b>Sleep Airway Full collapse</b></p> <p><b>Signs</b></p> <p>All of stage 1, 2, 3 plus....</p> <p>4%+ drop O<sub>2</sub> Saturation</p> <p>Apnea</p> <p>Cardiovascular Damage</p> <p>Elevated BP</p> <p>GERD</p> <p><b>Symptoms</b></p> <p>All of stage 2, 3 plus....</p> <p>Worn Teeth</p>

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AHI 1-4  
"Normal" ??

AHI 5-15  
Mild OSA

AHI 15-30  
Moderate OSA

AHI 30+  
Severe

Signs

- Apnea
- 4% drop O<sub>2</sub> Saturation
- Cardiovascular Damage
- Elevated BP
- GERD

Symptoms

- Not Waking Rested, Daily Fatigue
- Cognitive Impairment

**Irreversible Damage**

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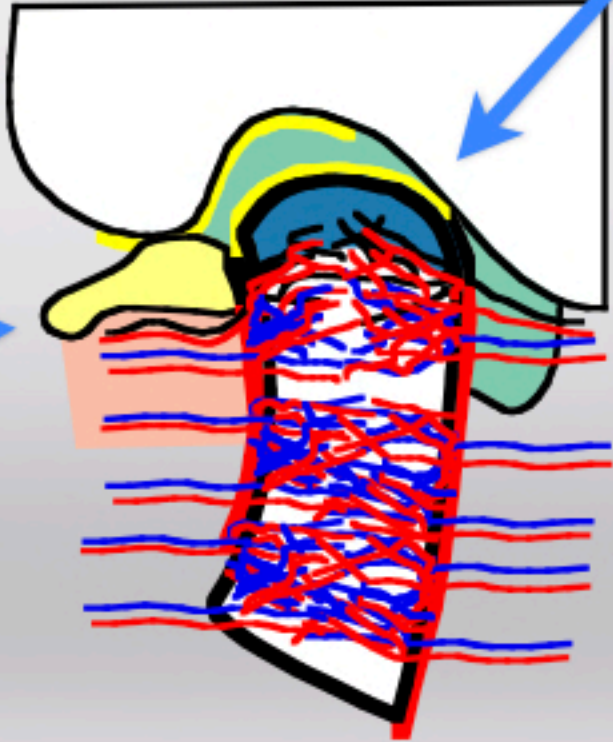
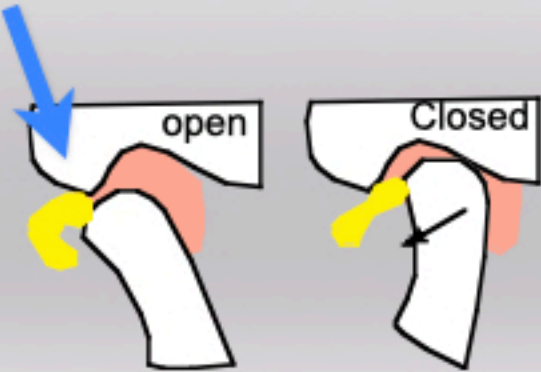
When the clicking stops (4a to 4b):

Condyle Distalized

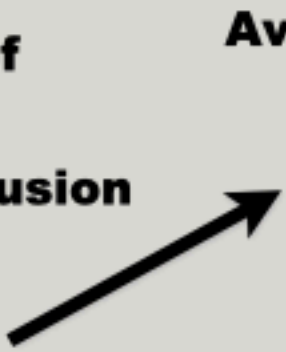
Venous return compromised

**Compromised Condylar Perfusion**  
Blood flow through condyle is decreased

Disc Anterior



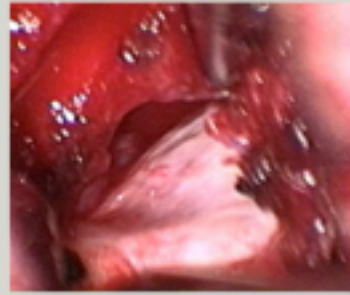
### 3 Outcomes of Compromised Condylar Perfusion



### Avascular Necrosis

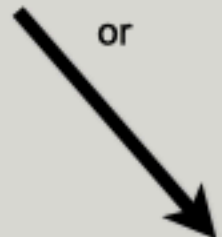


Condyle collapses 1y later.  
Cartilage remains intact  
Occlusion shifts once, AVN is finished.



### Nothing

Compromised but adequate.  
99% patients have no problems

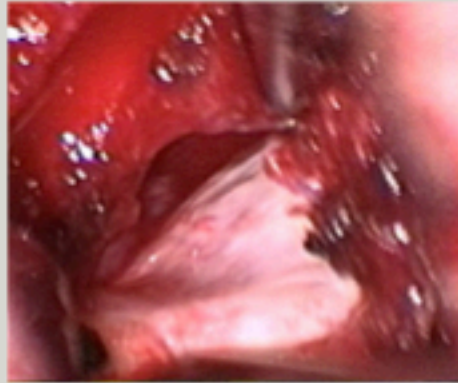


### Inflammatory Tissue Bone Resorption

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



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



## 2 Possible Outcomes of Avascular Necrosis

AVN Finished- Condyle Remodels



Cortex Collapses  
Cartilage intact  
Remodels fast- 3-6 weeks  
Condyle can look smooth and normal, only smaller  
Retrodiscal Tissue Fibroses  
OA develops gradually

or

Inflammatory Tissue Bone Resorption



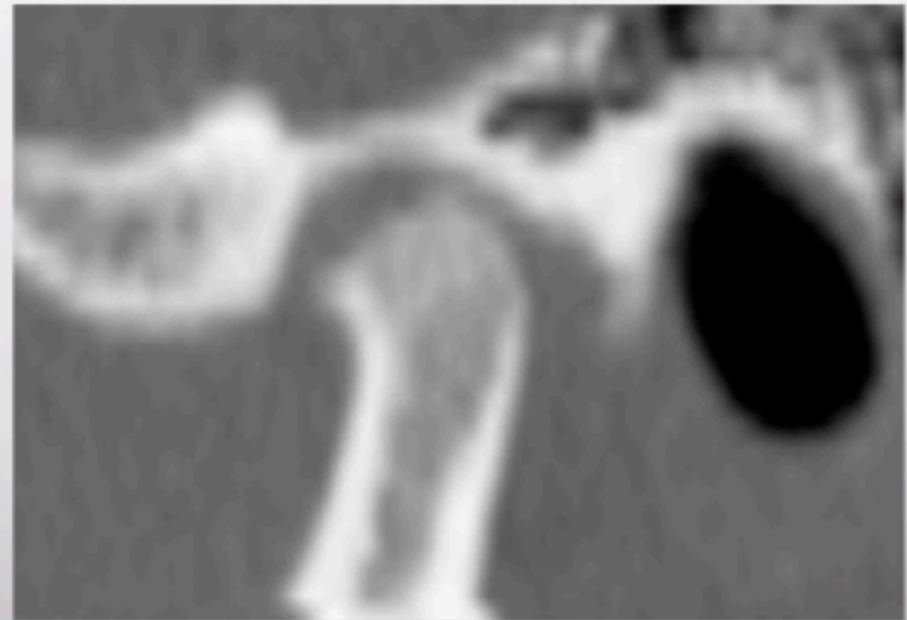
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Inflamed tissue contacting bone  
Inflammatory cells activate Osteoclasts  
Progressive Condylar Resorption  
Does not have to be very painful  
Eventually OA also develops



# Hypoxia Induced Progressive Condylar Resorption HI-PCR

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

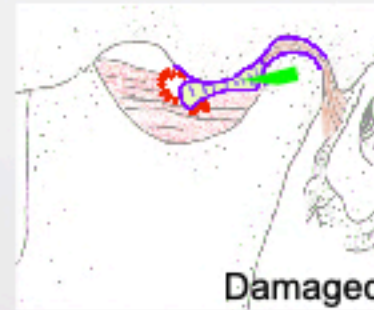
Occlusion will constantly be changing



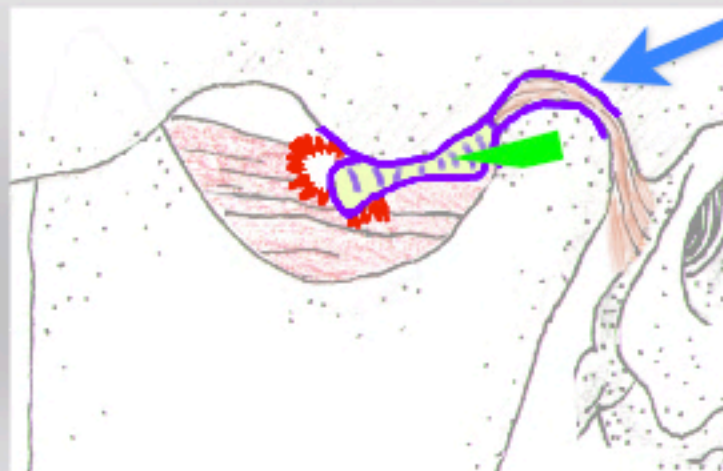
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Majority of damaged  
TMJs adapt favorably



Posterior ligament, synovium,  
and retrodiscal tissue adapt to  
form a  
**Pseudo-disc**

Tissue Fibrosis

# 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

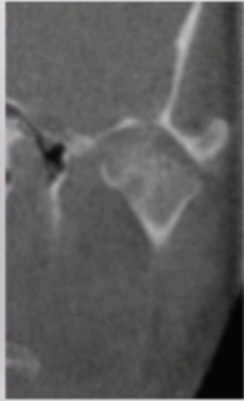
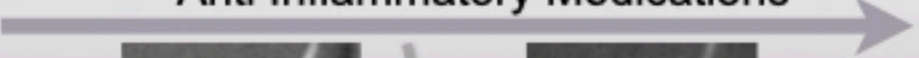
Both have loss of anterior coupling

# Anterior Openbite with Active TMJ Bone Loss

Non Surgical Therapies



Condylar Distraction  
Anti Inflammatory Medications

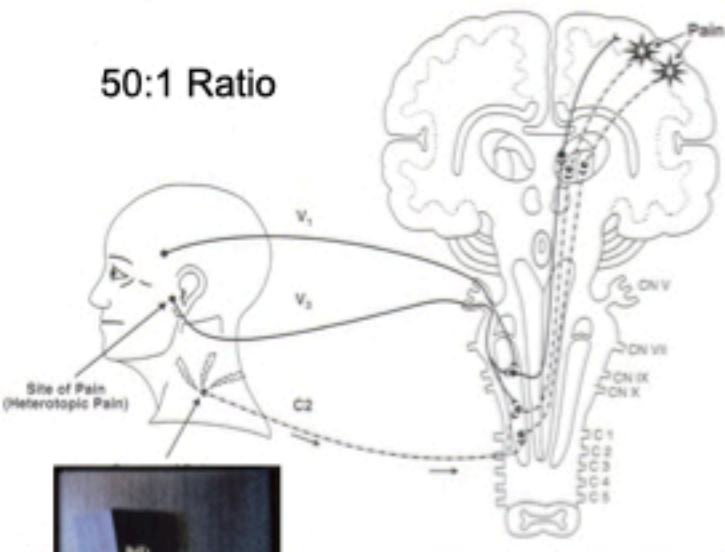




# Referred Pain Convergence

More primary sensory neurons than secondary neurons that travel to brain

50:1 Ratio



"Bell's Orofacial Pain"  
Jeffery Okeson

# Trigger Points

Contracted mass  
of actin, myosin  
and histamine

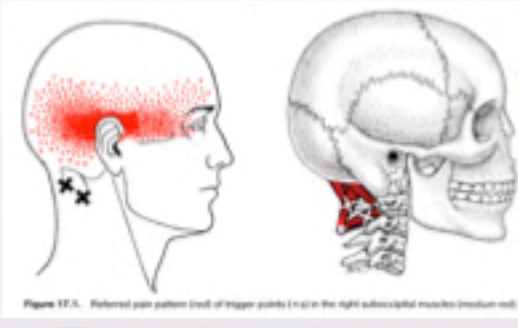
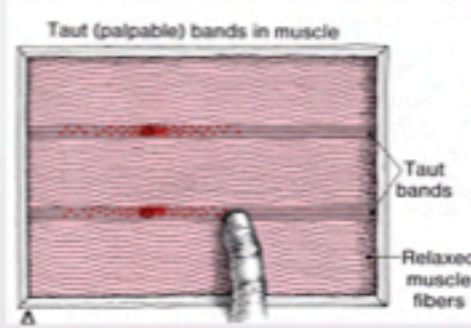
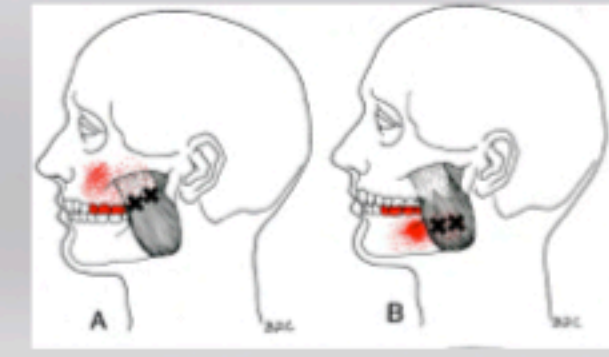
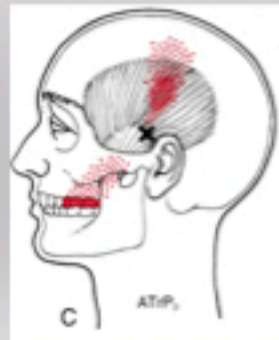
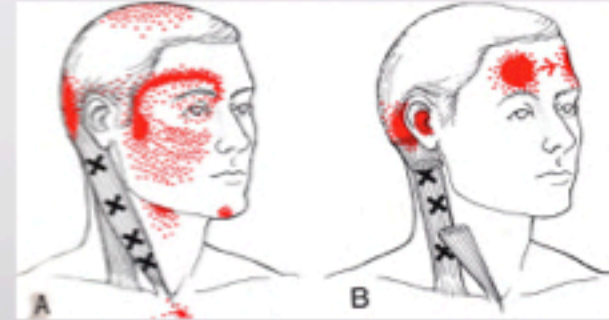
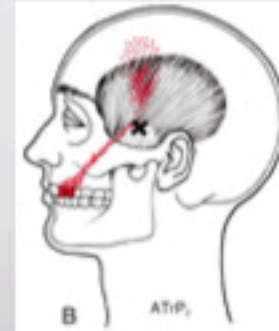
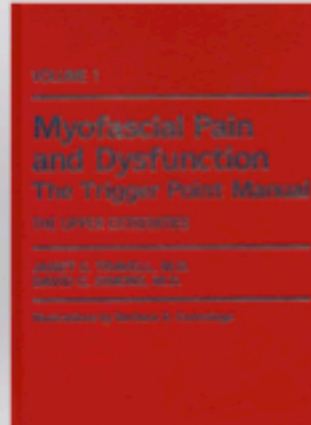


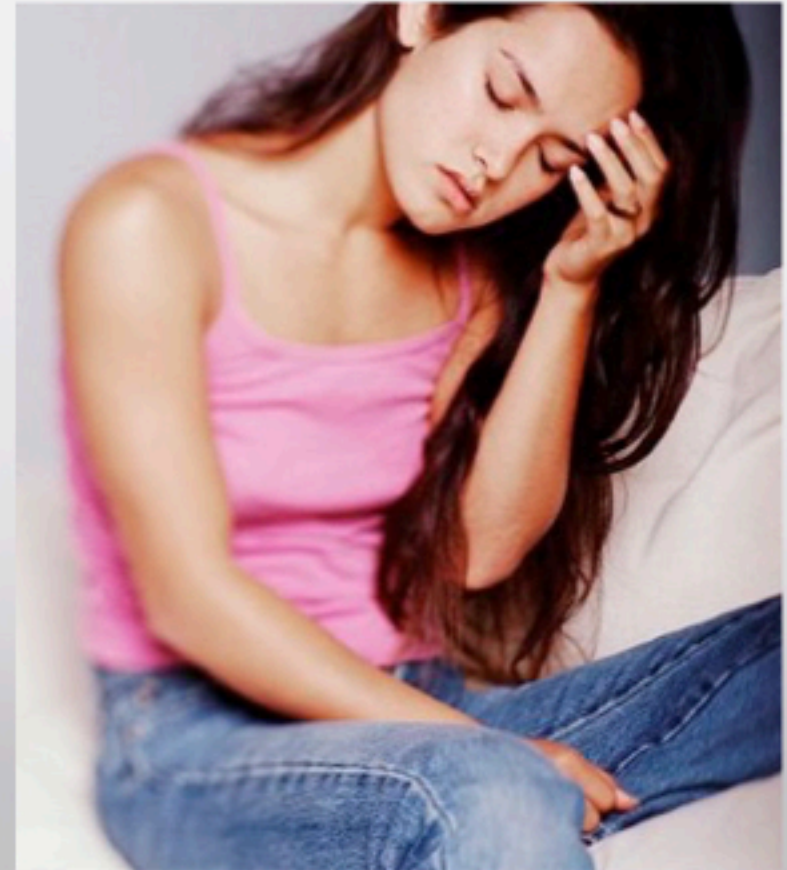
Figure 17.1. Referred pain pattern (red) of trigger points (x) in the right suboccipital muscles (medium rest).

"The Trigger Point Manual"  
Janet Travell, MD



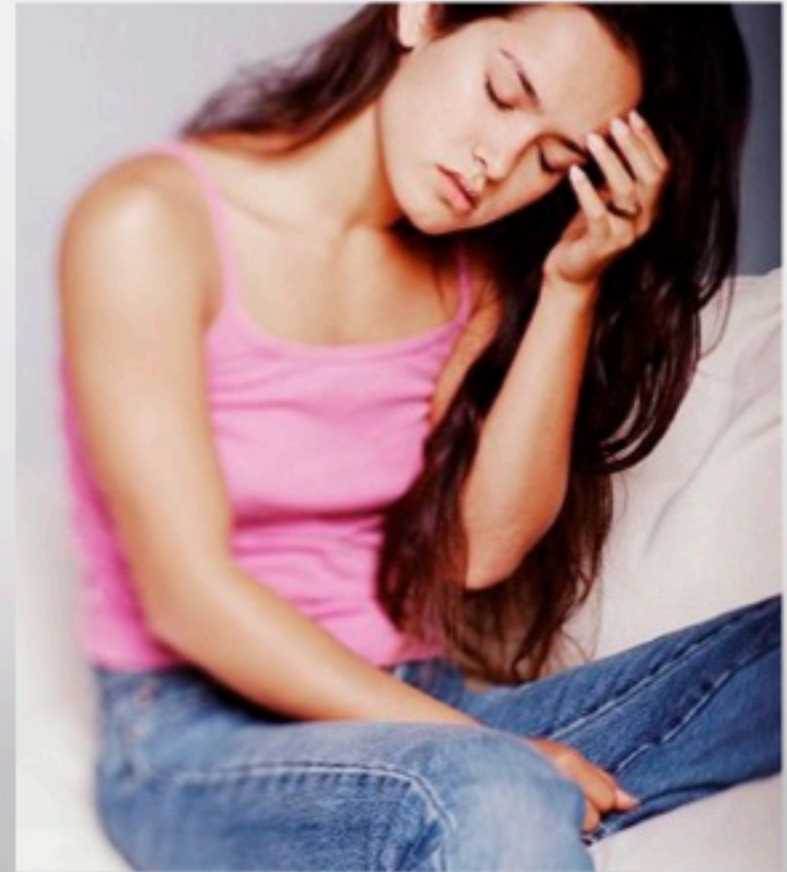
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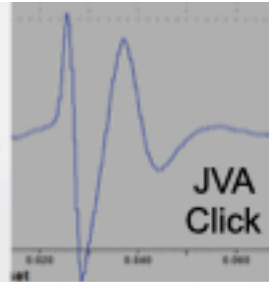
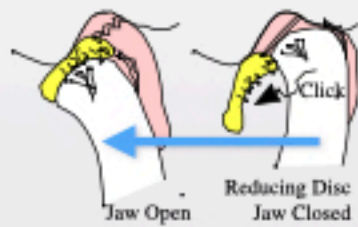
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TMJ Clicking

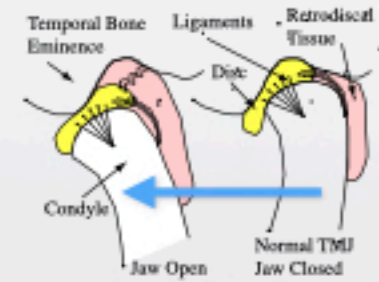


## Differential Diagnosis of TMJ Clicking

### Disc Reduction



### Normal

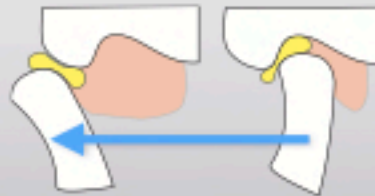


### Adhesive Click



“Sticky Disc” - Disc sticks after prolonged clenching, then releases

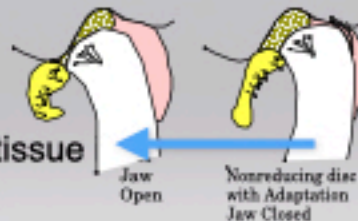
### Eminence Thud



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

### Adhesion Crackle

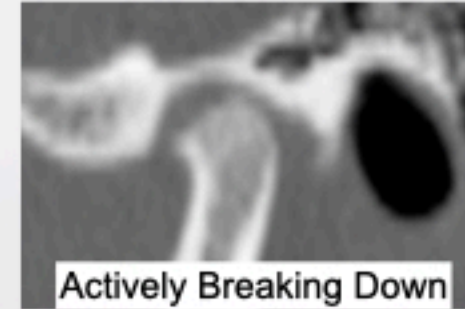
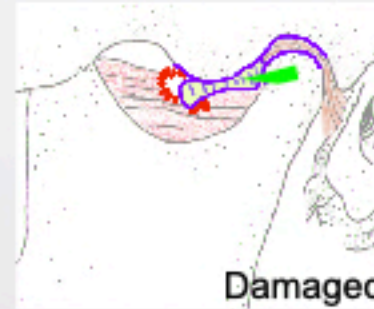
A small piece of fibrous tissue in joint is moved across



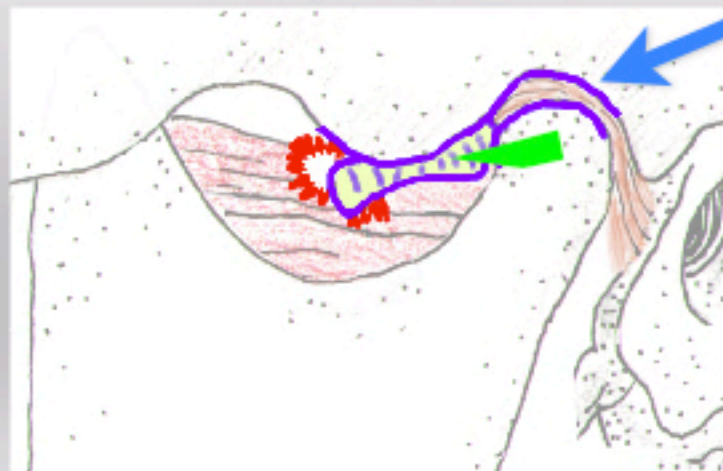
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# **Symptoms of Temporomandibular Joint Osteoarthritis and Internal Derangement 30 years after Non-Surgical Treatment.**

**Leeuw, Boering, Stegenga, Bont,**

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

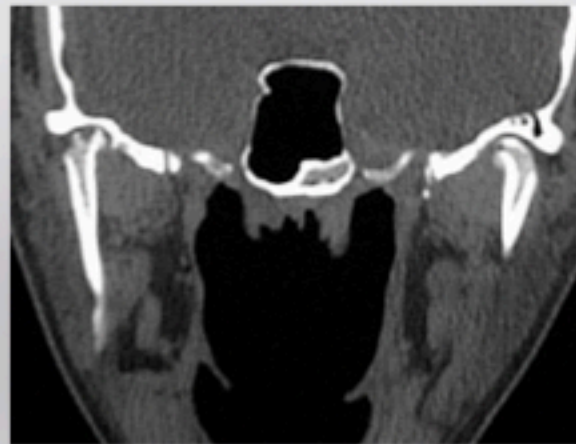
- University Hospital, Netherlands: 134 TMD patients, 30 year follow up
- Patients received good clinical work up and diagnosis 30 years ago, but basically no treatment
  - (Reassurance, PT, exercise, limited occlusal adjust)
- 70% satisfied with results
- 25% still had pain on movement
- 15% not able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

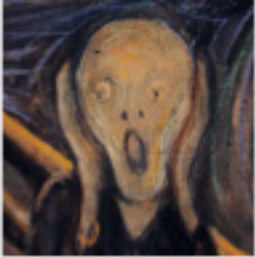
**If you have a disease that is  
one in a thousand, it is 100% for you**

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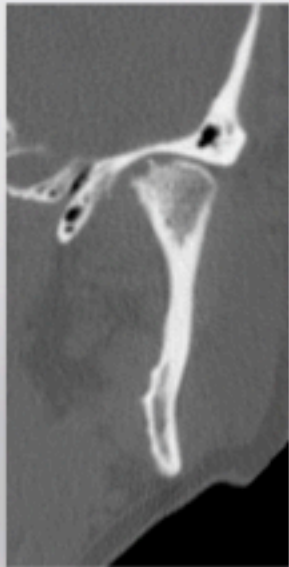
*There is no love sincerer than the love of food.*

*G. B. Shaw*





## Damaged TMJs



**Adapt Favorably 85%**  
**Adapt Fairly 14%**  
**Adapt Poorly <1%**



Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction  
Osteoarthritis



Avascular Necrosis  
Progressive Condylar Resorption

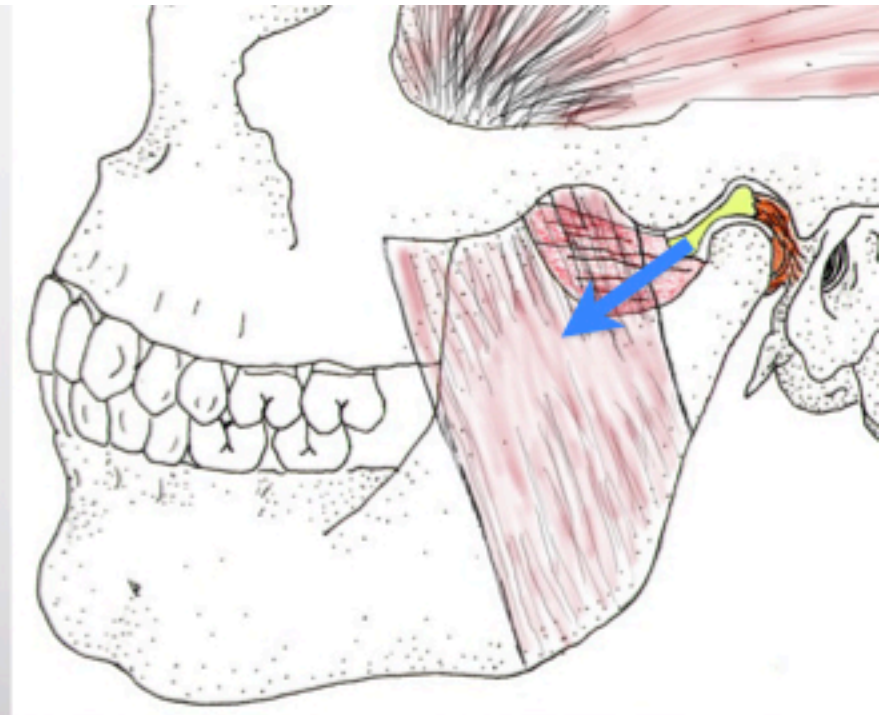
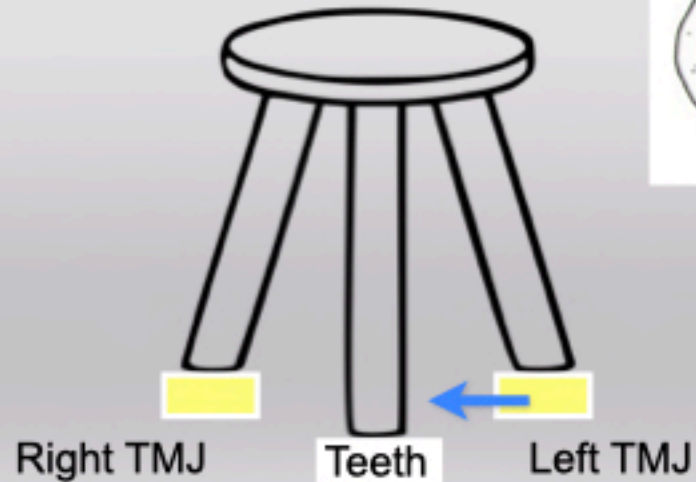
\*These are my guesses on %, no research to back up to backup



# Normal Joint with Normal Occlusion

All teeth touch evenly with condyles seated in fossa

What happens to the occlusion if the disc is dislocated?



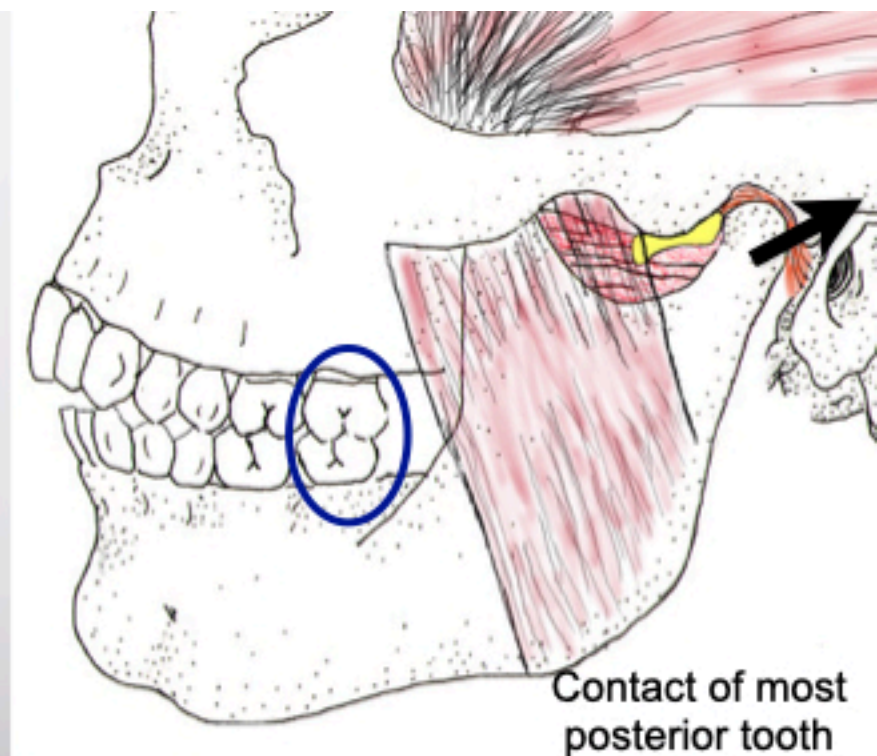
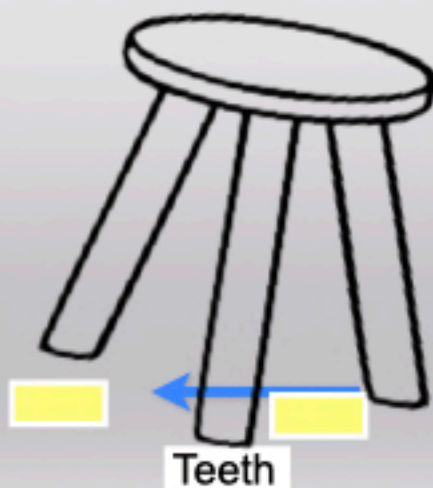
# Damaged Joint with Malocclusion

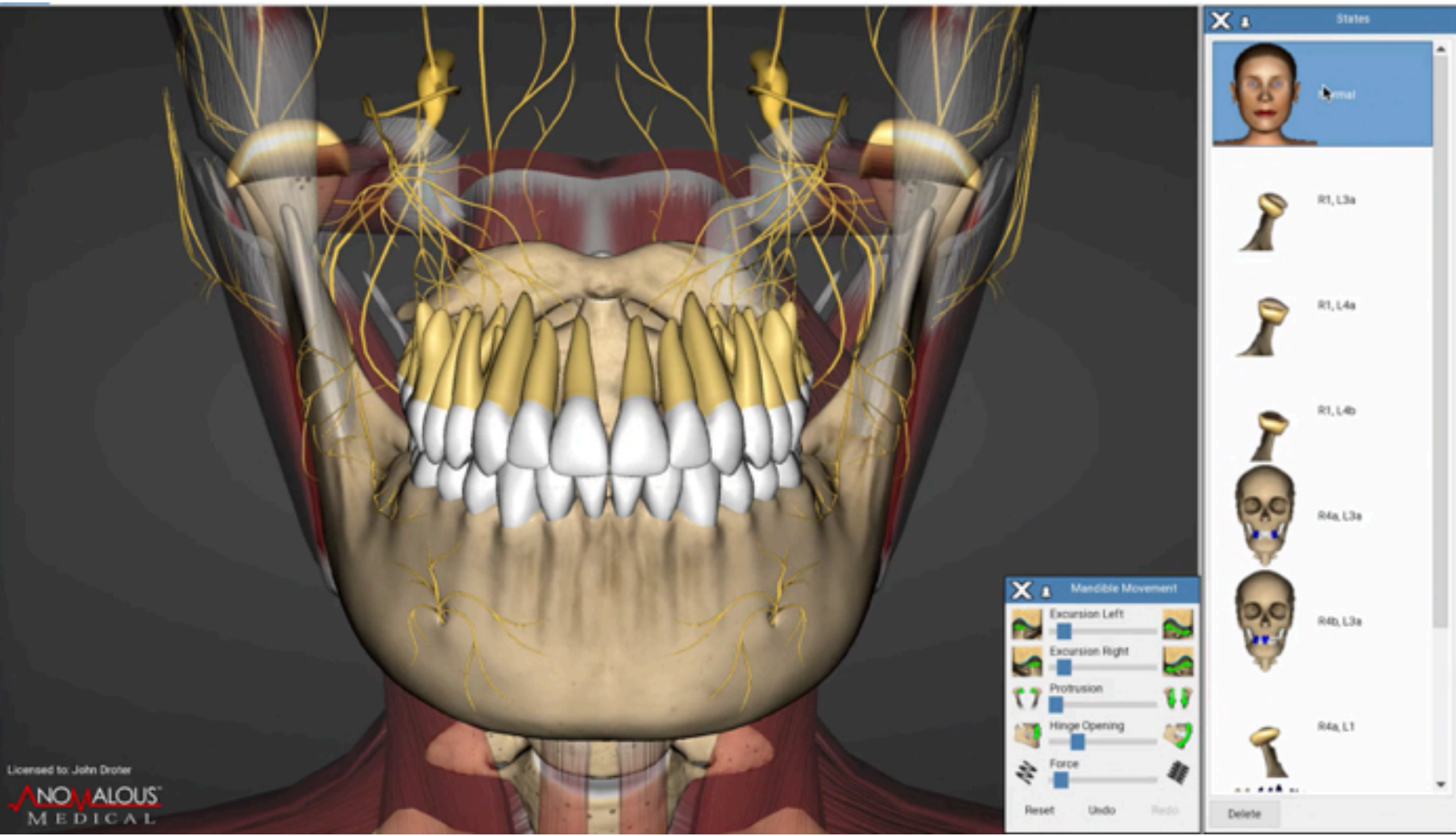
85% damaged joints adapt favorably with respect to the TMJ.

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.  
(Horizontal 2mm)  
If >2mm something else is going on.

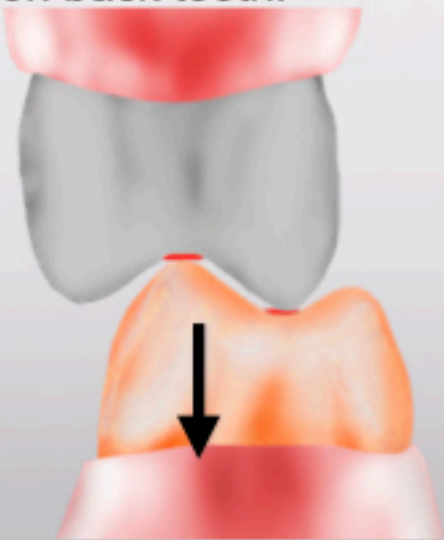




# Occlusal Shift

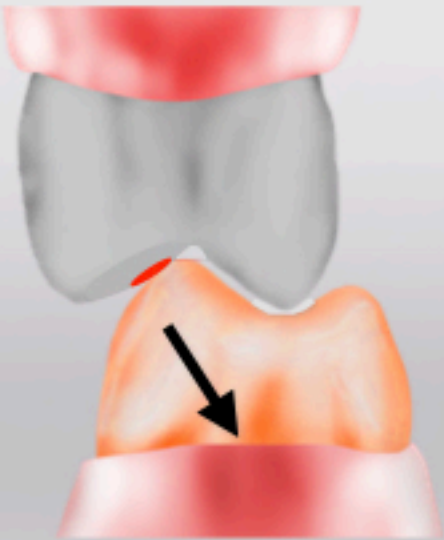
## Ideal Occlusion for Comfortable Muscles

**Ideal**  
No sideways forces  
on back teeth.



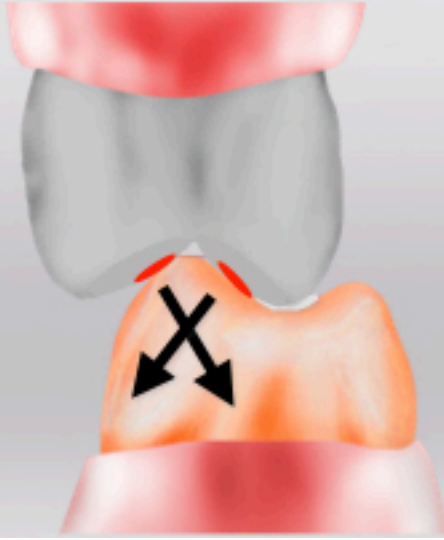
Sideways forces can fracture teeth

**Not Ideal**  
Tense Muscles  
Teeth can fracture



**Not Ideal**  
Tense Muscles

Back teeth will have  
sideways force  
when the jaw moves  
left or right.



**Not Ideal**  
This is now a  
functionless tooth.  
Other teeth now  
have more force.

# Occlusal Sculpting

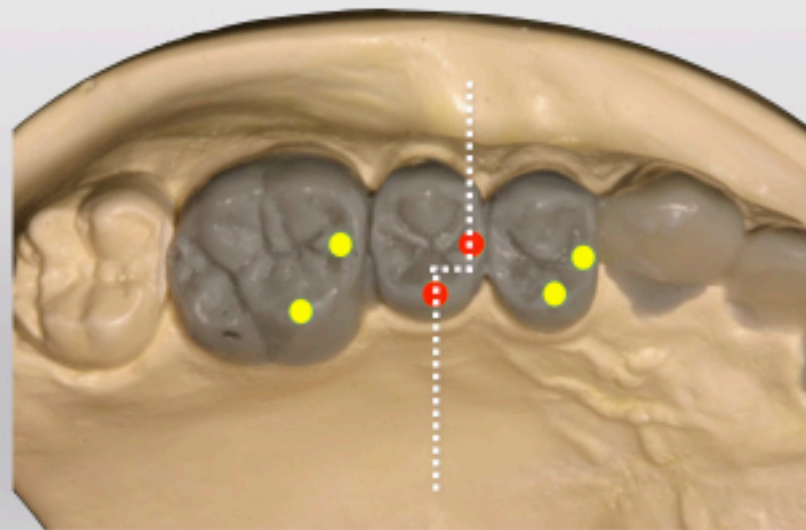
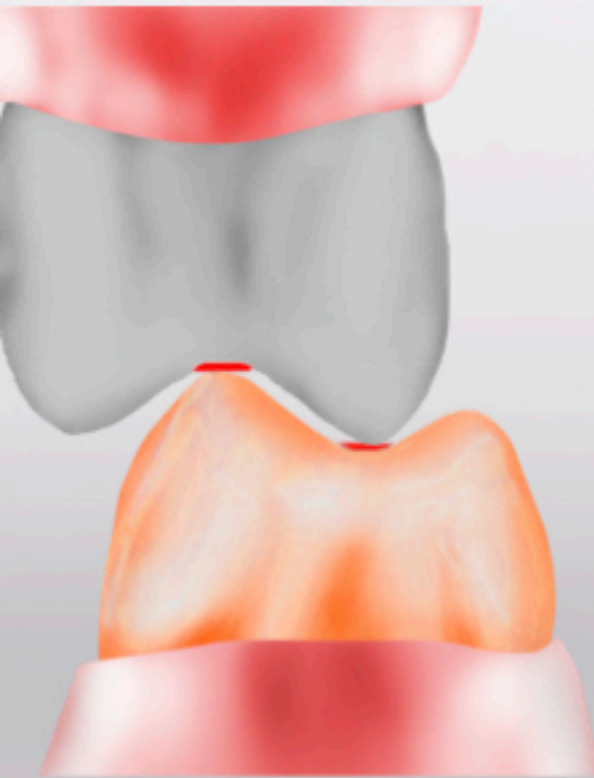
Reshape

The image illustrates the process of occlusal sculpting through several components:

- Diagrams:** On the left and right, there are diagrams of a tooth in occlusion with a red contact point. On the left, an arrow points to the contact point. On the right, an arrow points to the contact point.
- Clinical Photos:** Two photographs show a dentist using a handpiece to reshape a patient's teeth.
- Tools:** Two images show different types of dental burs. Below them is a diagram of a circular bur with a blue U-shaped outline.
- Polish:** An image shows a polishing wheel with the word "Polish" written above it.

## 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 by Dr Jim Kessler

## 6 Common TMDs

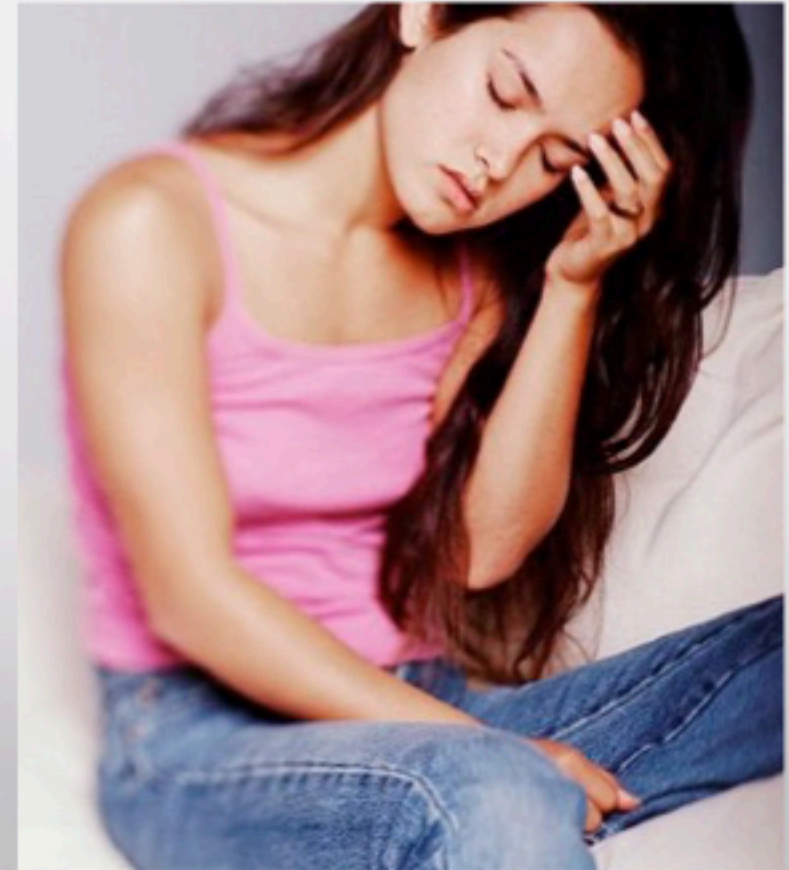
- Parafunctional Clenching
- Parafunctional Grinding
- Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction
- Osteoarthritis
- Acute Sprain
- Acute Closed lock of TMJ disc

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**Know Yourself**

**Know Your Work**

**Know Your Patient**

**Apply Your Knowledge**

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# Facial Pain Diagnosis

## Diagnostic Tools

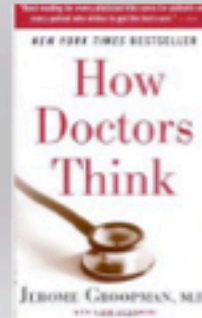
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- MRI
- Blood Tests


Most Important is the history. You have a good idea of what is going from this alone.

You can also observe speech, jaw movements, neck movements, demeanor, body posture during the oral history.

Need to resist the temptation to zero in on one diagnosis.

Still need make a Differential Diagnosis.  
It appears to be ....., but what else could it be?




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Facial Problem Questionnaire

I. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by \_\_\_\_\_


II. Which of the following do you have (circle all that apply)  
 Headaches Neck Pain Jaw Pain Ear Pain  
 Facial Pain Eye Problems Damaged Teeth  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

III. Please shade in where your pain is located:

IV. How long have you had this pain? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the pain constant? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the pain worse at (circle all that apply) Arising During  
 Waking Sleep Exit Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the pain worse in the circles all that apply?  
 Morning Afternoon Evening Night  
 What makes the pain better? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What makes the pain worse? \_\_\_\_\_

How severe is your pain? Please make a mark along the line below:  
 No Pain | \_\_\_\_\_ | Worst Pain  
 None Severe

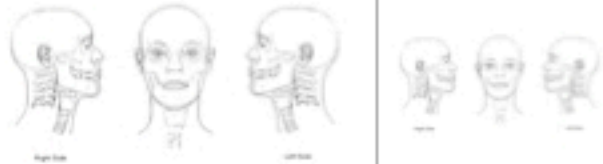
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 Referring Doctor: Please Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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 Stabbing Sharp Dull Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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How severe is your pain? Please make a mark along the line below:

No Pain | \_\_\_\_\_ | Worst Pain Ever

111

Pt fills out FPQ and mails in prior to appointment being made  
 It is reviewed and type of appointment is determined.

FPQ is a combination of:  
 Parker Mahan, DDS  
 Henry Gremillion, DDS  
 Mark Piper, MD  
 John R Droter, DDS

Feel free to download and use  
[www.jrdroter.com](http://www.jrdroter.com)  
 Patient Download

All patients fill out whether they have pain or not

Question 20 is the most important of all

20. Describe the problem (s) in your own words:

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How have these problems affected your life? Does it keep you from doing anything that you want to do? (work, play, chores, eating, talking)

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What would you like to accomplish with treatment here?

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Start Reading here when you first look at form

What we want to know first, is best answered by the patient last. Patient's memory has been focused on the details of the problem for the previous 5 pages. Now when they answer, it is a much more focused answer.

FAB  
Feature  
Advantage  
Benefit

All treatment discussions are made in reference to the benefit to the patient

Nobody ever wants to own a feature: an occlusal adjustment, a crown, or a root canal.  
The first step to achieving ....(Benefit for patient).... is  
The cost to ....(Benefit for patient).... is \$\$

# Anterior Stops

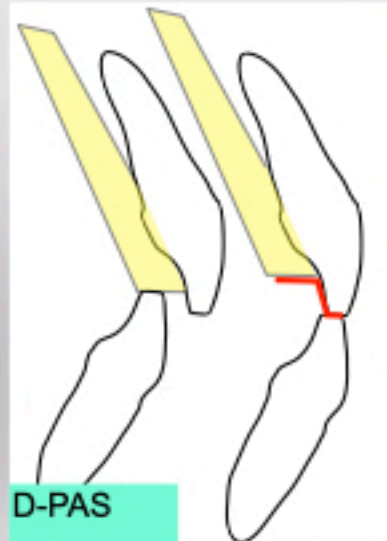
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# Anterior Stop Orthotics



NTI



Pankey Anterior Stop



APS Airway Bite



APS In Office Anterior Stop



Lucia Jig



Kois Deprogrammer



Modified Quick Splint



APS D-Pas



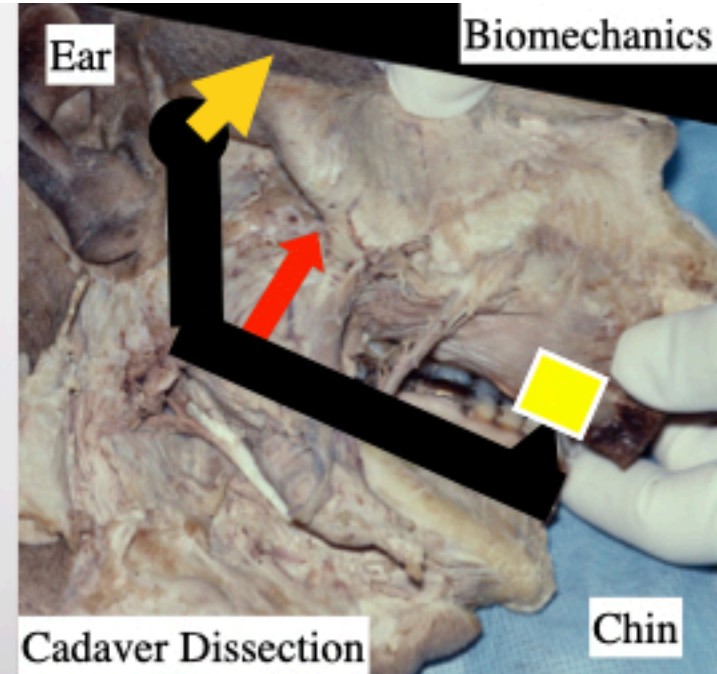
APS Temp Anterior Stop



APS Products  
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# Anterior Stop Orthotic 3 Effects

1. Allows Maxilla, Mandible, and Temporal bones to align.
2. Major decrease in muscle contraction force, most patients.
3. Breaks muscle engram avoidance and bracing patterns.

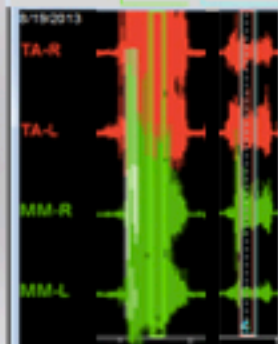


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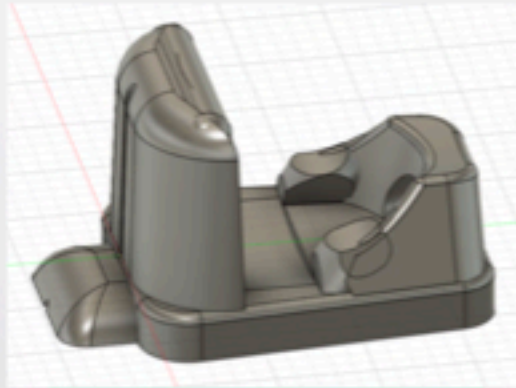
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TA-R	100.6	15.7
TA-L	108.9	25.3
MM-R	115.4	25.5
MM-L	70.5	6.8



Major decrease in muscle power with D-PAS

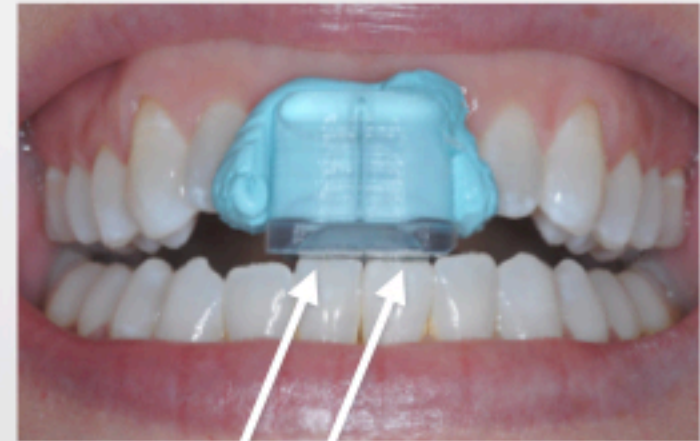


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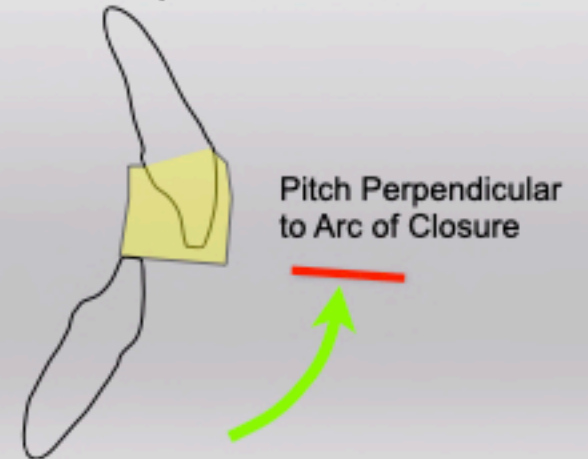


APS Anterior Stop 2.5mm

- Easy to hold and align
- Built in undercuts
- Long enough for class 2 and class 3
- Is bondable to composite



2 points of contact



Pitch Perpendicular  
to Arc of Closure

Reline with Parkell Blu-Mousse Super Fast



Can do 2nd reline over  
top of the first if needed



## Anterior Stop Orthotic In Office Diagnostic Test



ArrowPath Sleep  
Anterior Stop



## Deprogram Muscle Engrams

**If pain reduces, Occlusion/ Cranial Alignment and/or Muscle Engrams are part of the problem**

With anterior stop in place:

5-10x wide open solid tap, open tap far left, open tap far right

2nd round same except Dr unexpectedly accelerates closing a few times

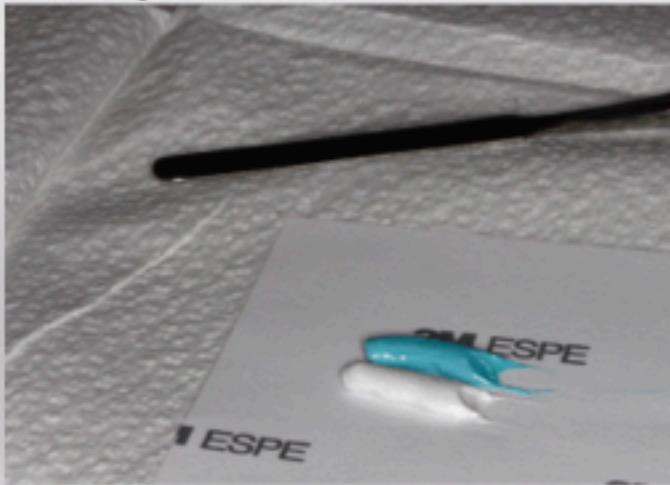
Occipital Lift with 3 deep breaths. Posterior neck opening muscle massage.

3rd round same as first except less taps each position

**Office USE ONLY** Do not send home with patient

## Anterior Stop Orthotic In Office Diagnostic Test

Can do 2nd mix to  
overlay 1st if needed



## Anterior Stop Orthotic In Office Diagnostic Test

Does the occlusion, cranial alignment, and/or muscle bracing have anything to do with the dysfunction or pain?

Are the TMJ muscles inhibited from full contraction with anterior only tooth contact?



ArrowPath Sleep  
Anterior stop 2.5 mm

>30% of headaches have an occlusal component

Occlusal adjustment in patients with craniomandibular disorders including headaches. A 3- and 6-month follow-up. Vallon D, Ekberg E, Nilner M. Acta Odontol Scand. 1995

Response to occlusal treatment in headache patients previously treated by mock occlusal adjustment. Forssell H, Kirveskari P, Kangasniemi P. Acta Odontol Scand. 1987

19 yo F Limited opening for past year 30-2 mm

Not able to eat solid foods for past 6 months  
and scheduled for TMJ surgery next month



Anterior stop placed:  
5 minutes of jaw manipulation  
Pain level went from 8/10 to 0  
Opening went from 30-2 to 48-3



Pankey Anterior Stop  
relined with bis-gma resin

Working Diagnosis:  
Protective Muscle Bracing  
Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction  
Anterior Openbite

## Anterior Stop Orthotics

Diagnostic Test

Patient Awareness

Disease Management

Bite Recording Tool



APS In Office  
Anterior Stop  
2.5 mm



Pankey In Office  
Anterior Stop

\*\*\*Do not send patient home with small anterior stops that can be aspirated.

# Anterior Stop Orthotics

Basically a relined upper Hawley retainer with anterior stop, no wire, no buccal restrictions.



## The D-PAS Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop



# Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop

D-PAS Test: Wear 2 weeks for sleep, and occasional daytime

## Better- Decrease in Symptoms

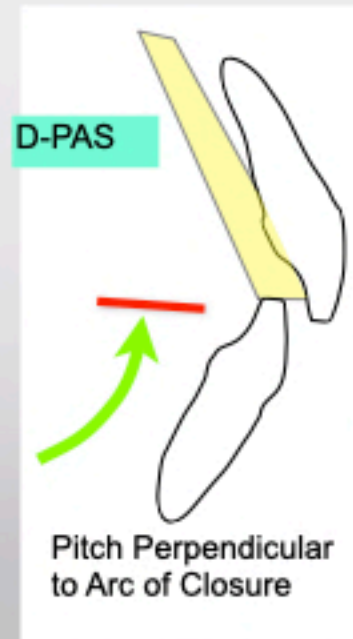
Sleep Clenching Inhibited: Wear D-PAS as night guard  
Orthotic Improved Airway: D-PAS as night guard  
Occlusal Muscle Disharmony: Occlusal Adjust

## Worse- Increase in Symptoms

Mechanically Unstable TMJ, joint subluxation  
Intracapsular Problem TMJ  
Orthotic Made Sleep Airway Worse

## Stays the Same- No Change in Symptoms

Damaged TMJ are mechanically stable  
Pain not related to occlusion



Stapelmann H, Türp JC. The NTI-tss device for the therapy of bruxism, temporomandibular disorders, and headache.....BMC Oral Health. 2008 Jul PMID: 18662411

# APS Home Trial Anterior Stop

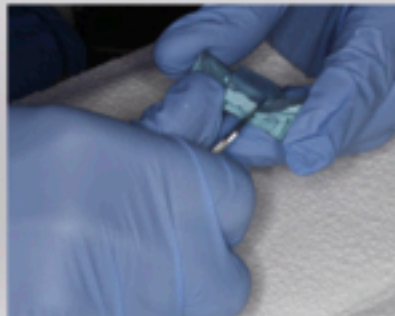
Hard material that gets very soft when heated



Place in hot water then mold in mouth



Reline with blue mousse  
Trim excess





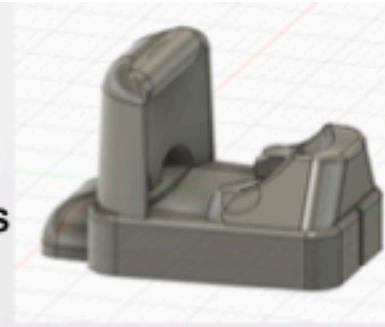
# ArrowPath Sleep Airway Bite

Try in anterior stop before reline.  
Verify where patient occludes in full range of excursions

## APS Airway Bite Anterior Stop 4mm



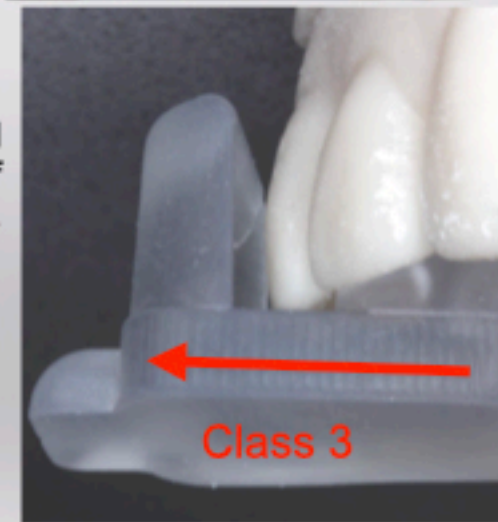
Reline with Parkell Blu-Mousse Super Fast  
Can do 2nd reline over top of the first if needed



Device shifted back so  
flush with buccal surface  
of front teeth



Device shifted forward  
so lingual surface of  
front teeth touch device.

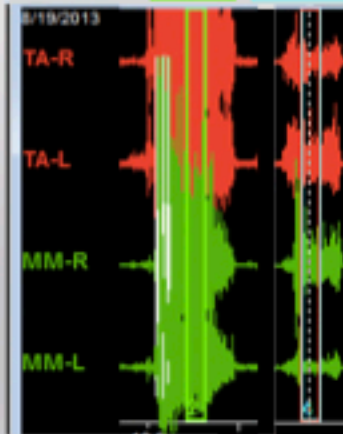


Use anterior stop and an EMG to choose style of sleep device:

**Patient with muscles inhibited by anterior only contact**



	Clench MaxIC $\mu\text{V}$	Anterior Stop D-PAS $\mu\text{V}$
TA-R	100.6	15.7
TA-L	108.9	25.3
MM-R	115.4	25.5
MM-L	70.5	6.8



Will sleep airway device have an anterior stop or posterior contact?

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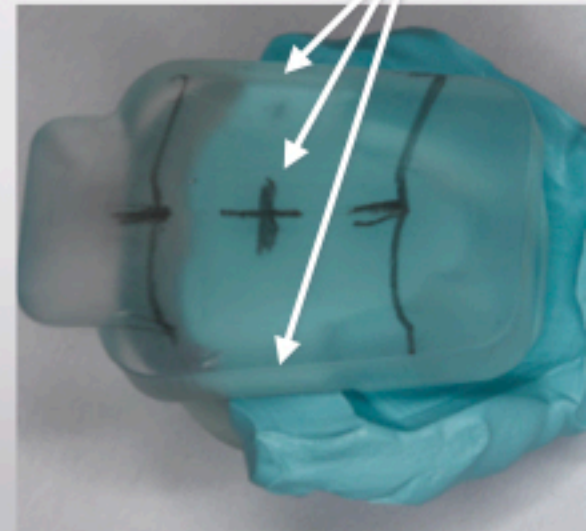
Mark furthest forward and back jaw position and midline with sterile disposable pencil



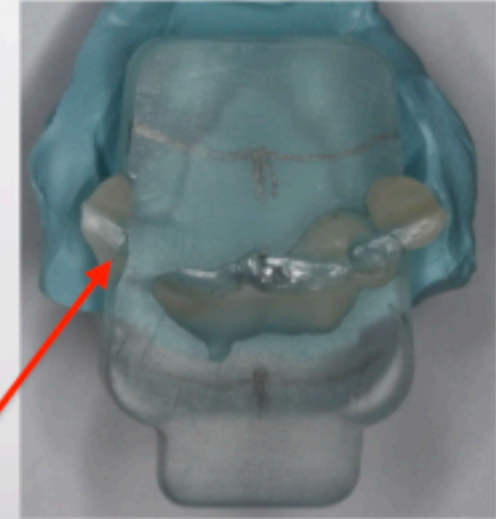
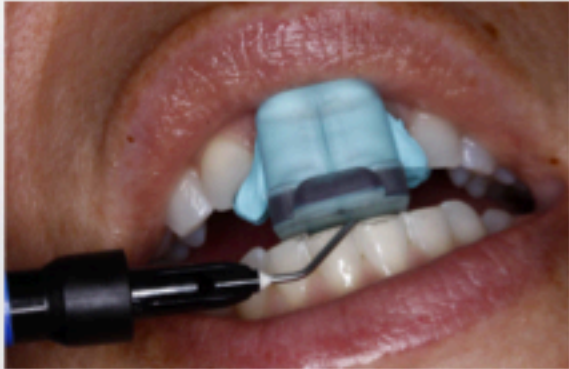
Measure and mark the amount of protrusive you want to build into the Mandibular Advancement Device

50% is typically a good place to start

Place bonding agent



# ArrowPath Sleep Airway Bite



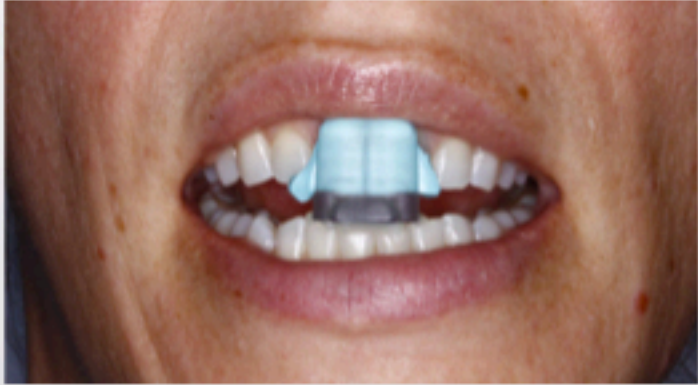
Move jaw into position, verify with tap tap, then flow flowable composite in front of lower incisors, cure.



At edge of anterior stop  
flow some composite  
behind teeth and cure.

Jaw is now held stable in forward position.

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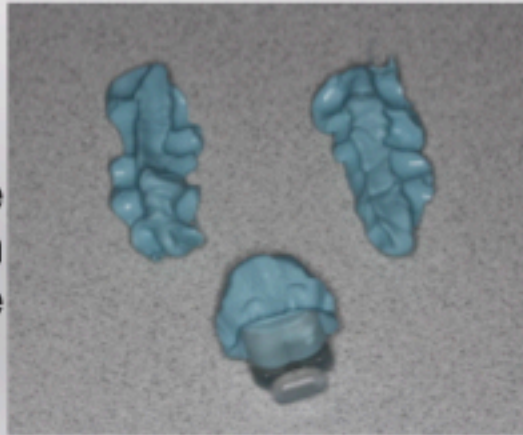


or take digital scan with anterior stop in place and jaw positioned forward



Jaw is held stable in forward position.

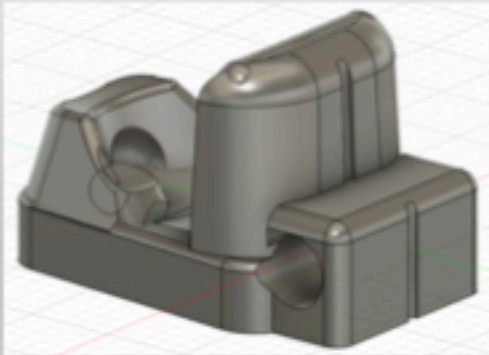
Silicone bite registration of airway bite





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ArrowPath Sleep  
3.9 mm Anterior Stop  
Muscle Deprogrammer  
Airway bite  
Facial Analyzer



Facial Analyzer



Airway bite



# Facial Pain Diagnosis

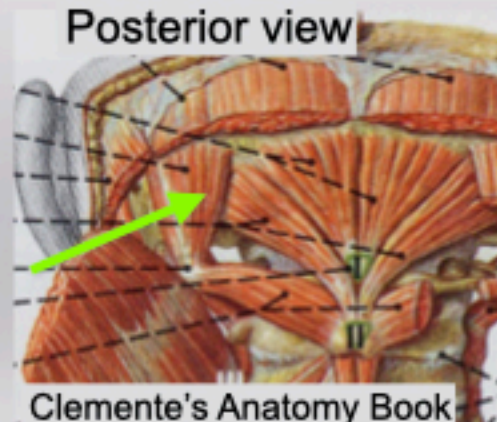
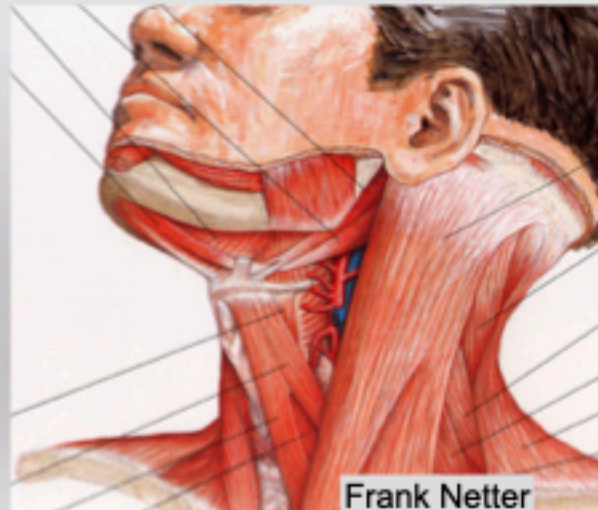
While I palpate many muscles, the ones I find key are:

## Diagnostic Tools

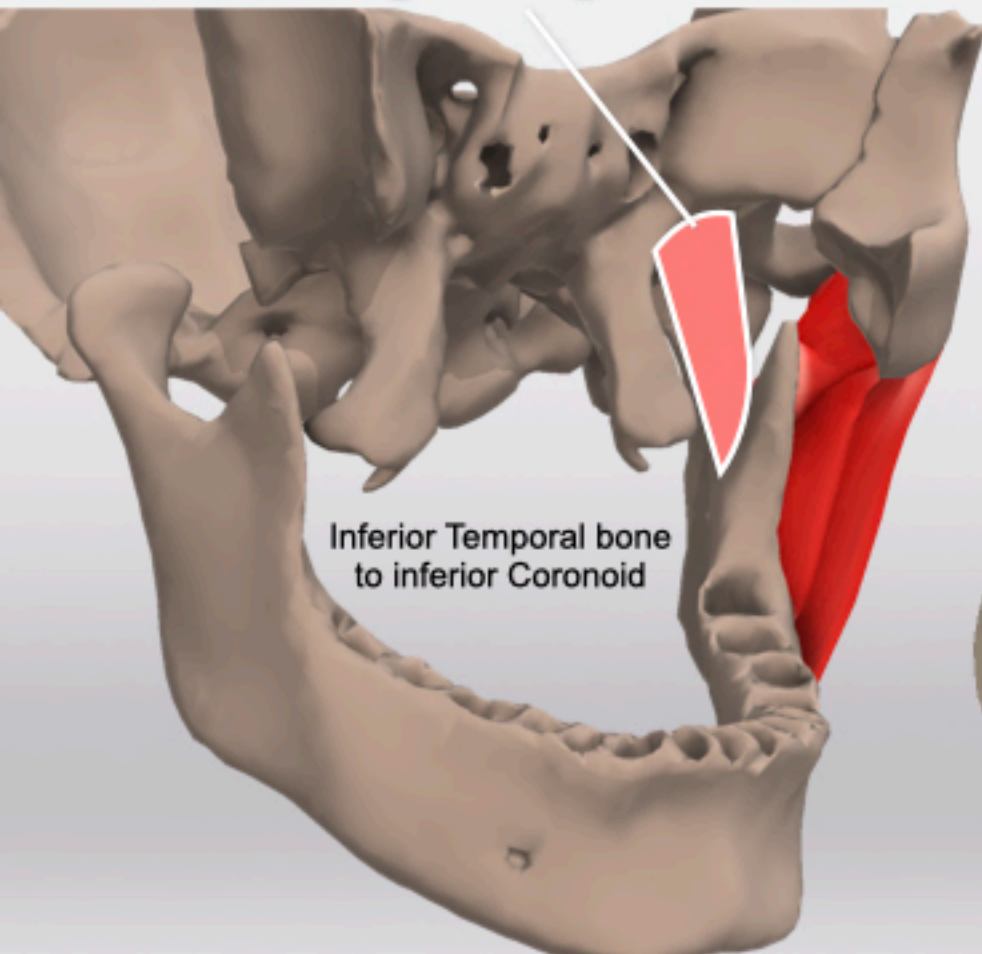
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Blood Tests

Also palpate:  
TMJ Lateral  
TMJ Posterior

Anterior Temporalis  
Masseter  
Posterior Digastric  
Superior Oblique Capitus  
Deep Temporalis  
Lateral Pterygoid

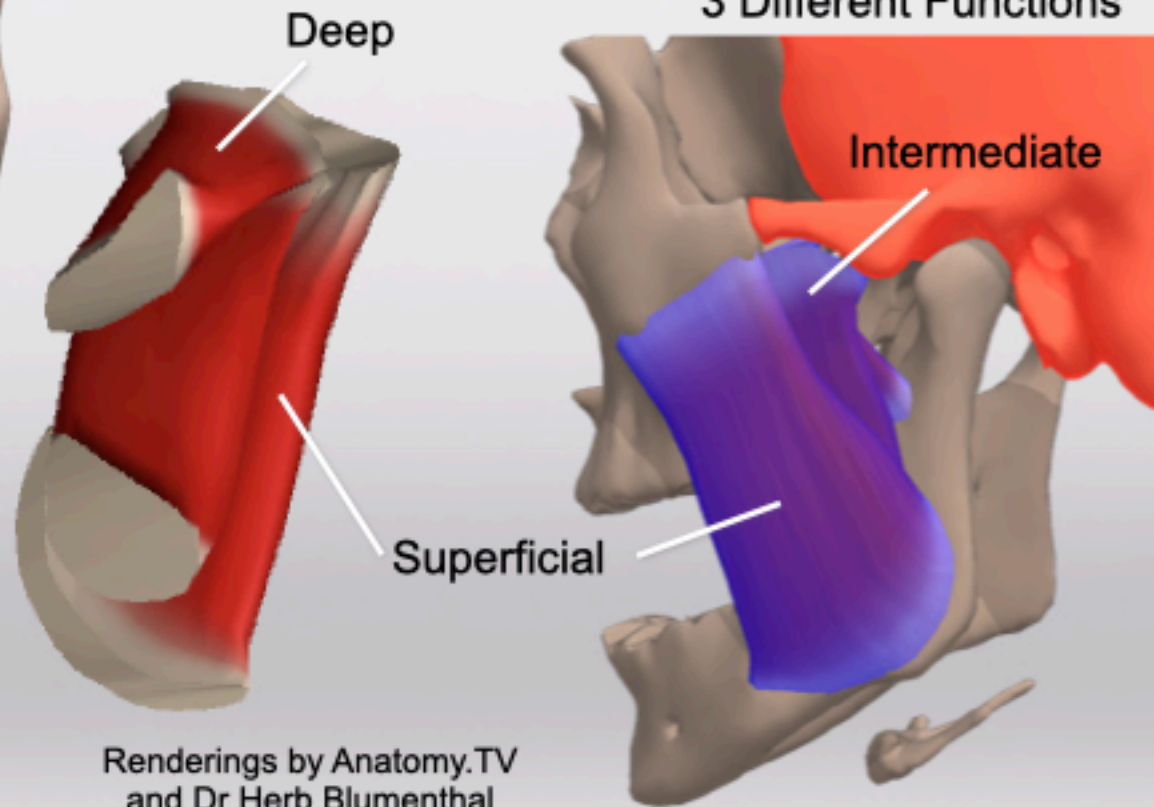


## Deep Temporalis



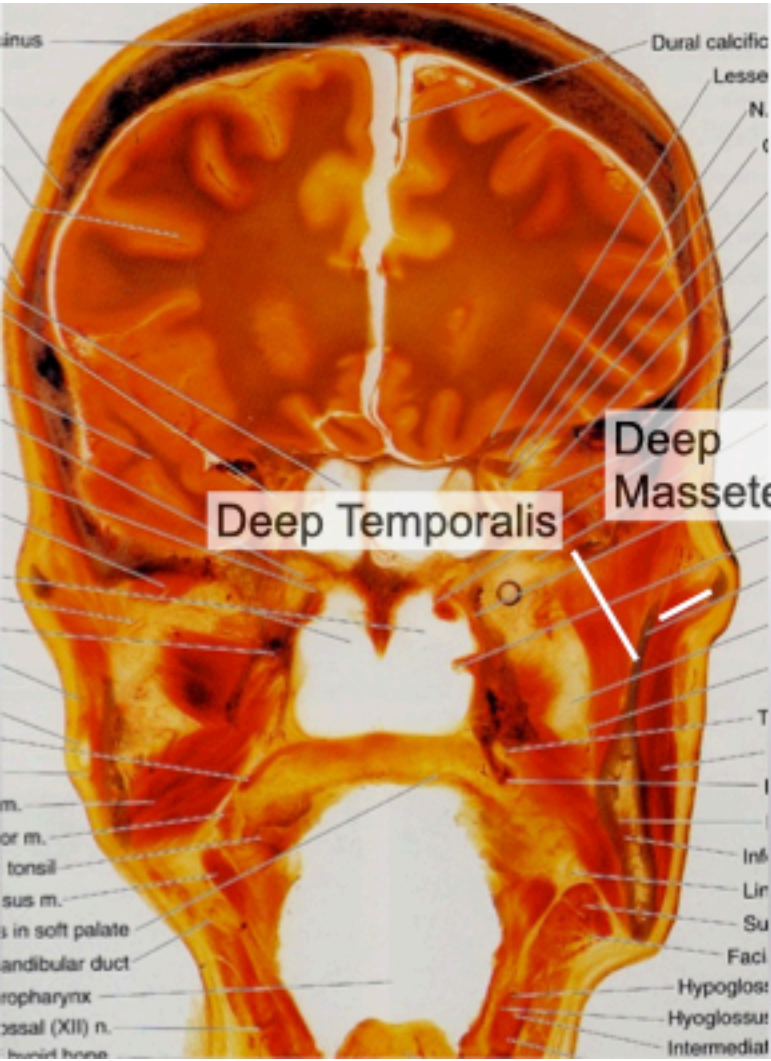
## Masseter Muscle is Complex

Complex Muscle  
3 Different Portions  
3 Different Functions

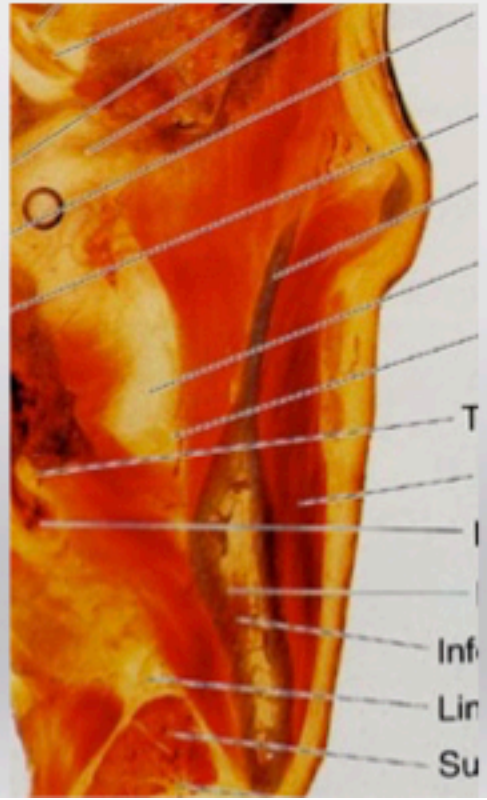


Renderings by Anatomy.TV  
and Dr Herb Blumenthal

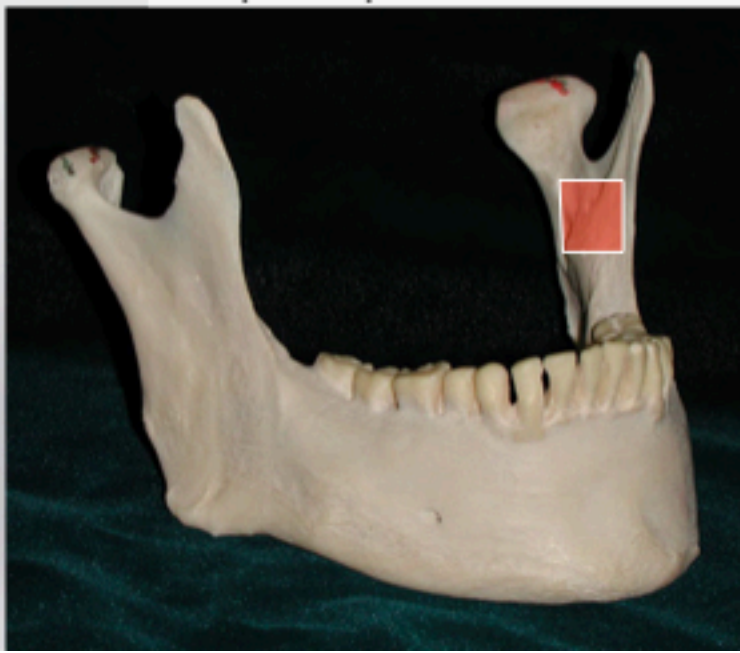




Deep Temporalis and Deep Masseter  
 Stabilizes TM joint side to side  
 Sore in "Wobbly Joints"



Deep Temporalis Attachment





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