

Grinding and Clenching Choosing Night Guards

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Upcoming Seminars

July 20, 2016 D-PAS Hand on- In Office, Annapolis MD
July 21-23 2016 Droter Hands on- In office, Annapolis MD
Call Kim 301-805-9400

Pankey TMD Week, Key Biscayne FL
October 23-27, 2016
October 22-26, 2017
Call [LD Pankey Institute](http://LDPankeyInstitute.com) 305.428.5500

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Aug 11-13, 2016, Scottsdale Arizona
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Most Popular and Common Downloads

TMD Supersheet Download
[SuperTMDx13.11](#)

Brux supersheet Download

Milestones



Visiting Faculty LD Pankey Institute 2008-

Visiting Faculty Spear Education 2013-2020

Visiting Faculty Orthodontic Program
Washington Hospital Center 2000-2012

Past staff AAMC: Orthopedic Rounds
In OR for TMJ Surgeries

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



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
License fee on my designs



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



Which Orthotic to use for Bruxing?

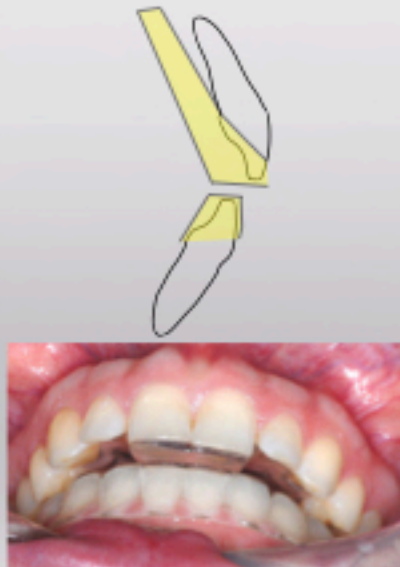
Not one disease, not one treatment

Bruxing: A diurnal or nocturnal parafunctional activity that includes clenching, bracing, gnashing and grinding of teeth.
American Academy of Orofacial Pain (2008)

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





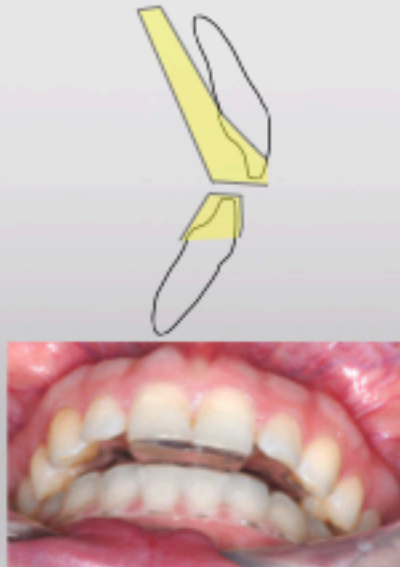
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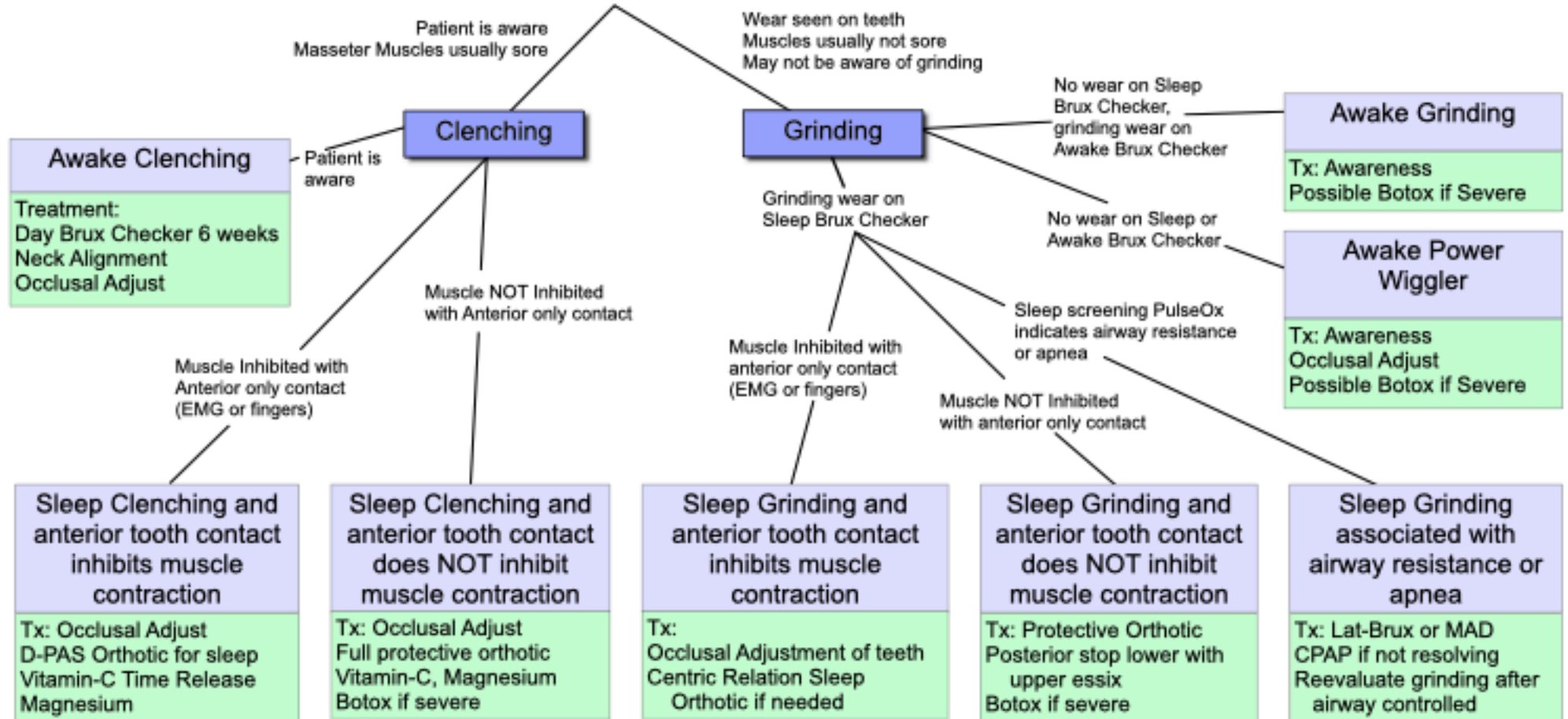
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BRUXING: PARAFUNCTIONAL TOOTH CONTACT



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1. Does the Patient Grind or Clench?



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 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"

1. Does the Patient Grind or Clench?



Clenching you squeeze your teeth together
Grinding you rub your teeth together

16 yo



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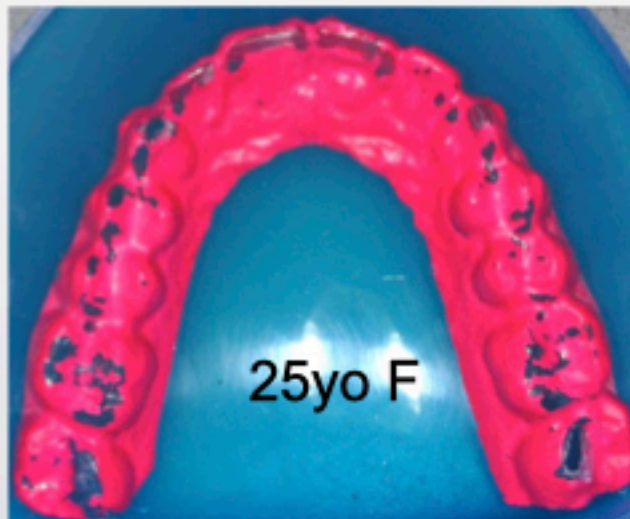
2. Does this occur awake or asleep?

Brux Checker
Great Lakes Orthodontics

0.1mm Mylar



Made on Biostar Machine



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Anterior Stop Orthotics



NTI



Lucia Jig



Modified Quick Splint



Pankey Anterior Stop



Kois Deprogrammer



APS In Office Anterior Stop



APS D-Pas

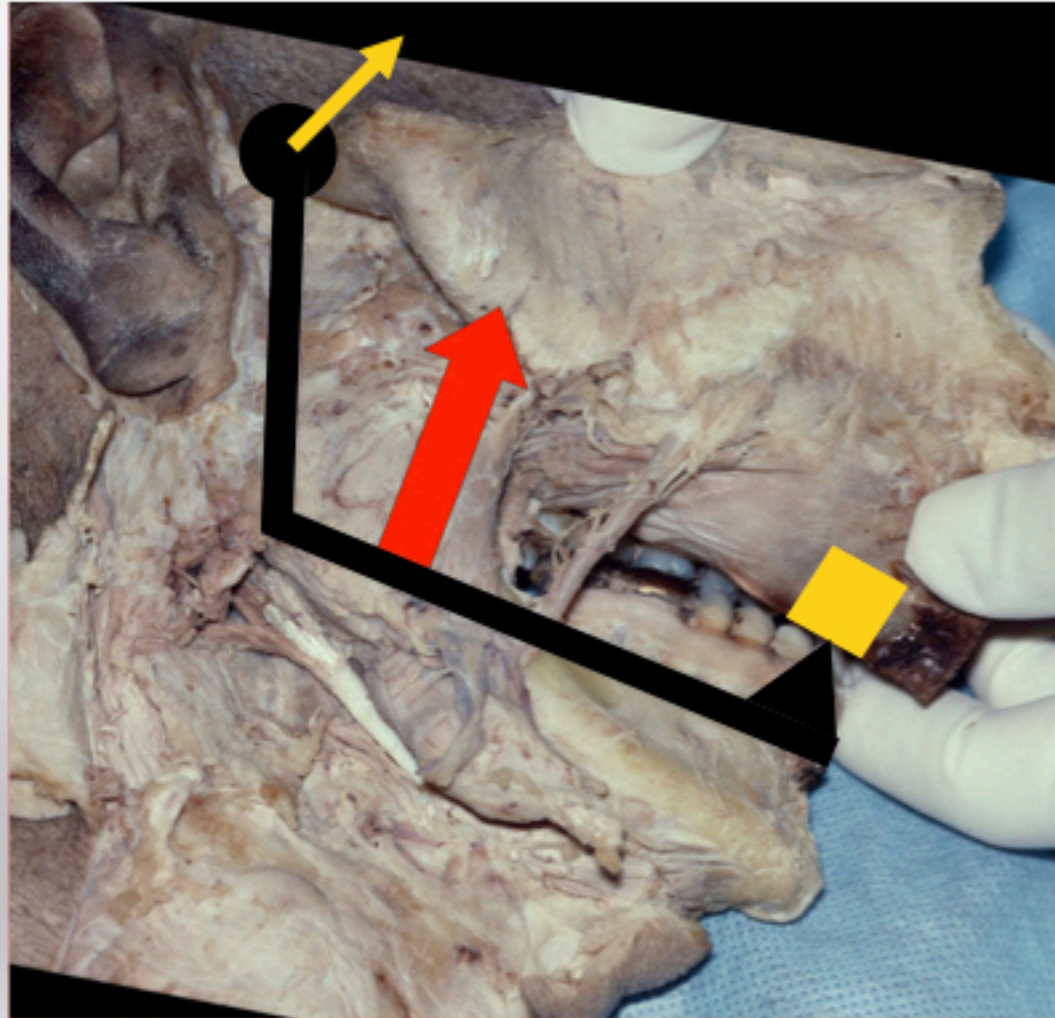


APS Temp Anterior Stop



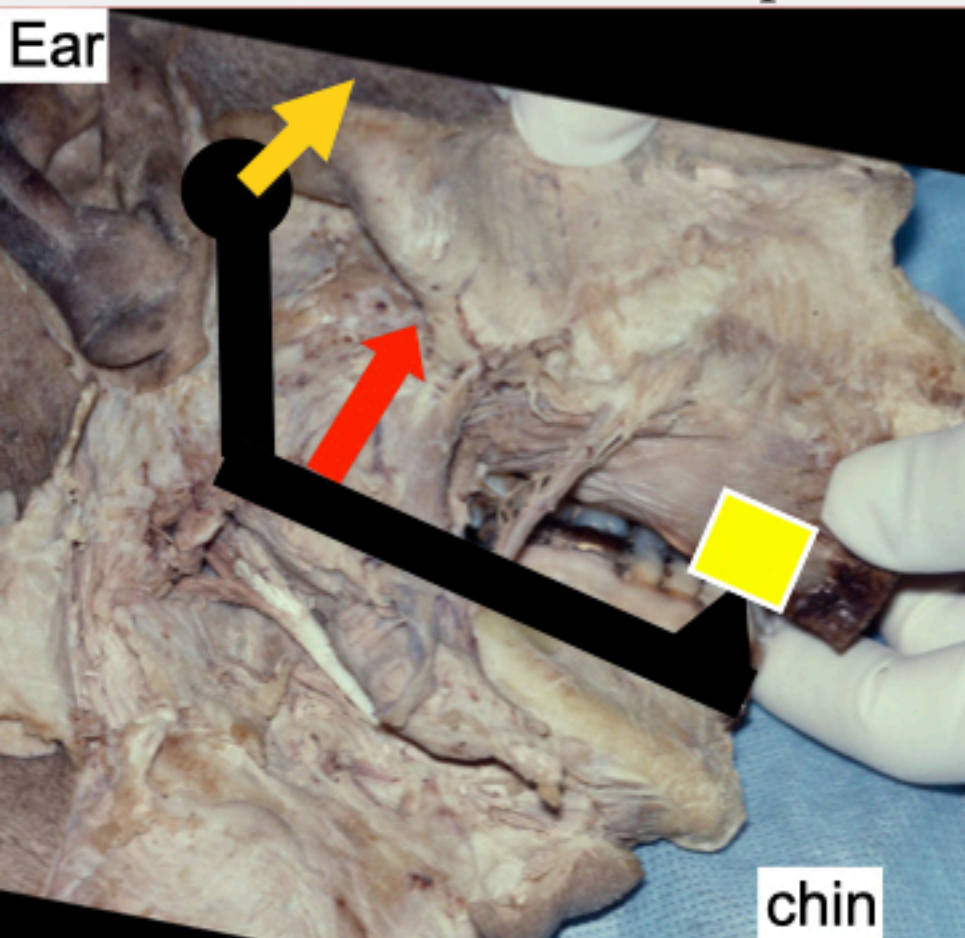
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Biomechanics of Anterior Stop Orthotic

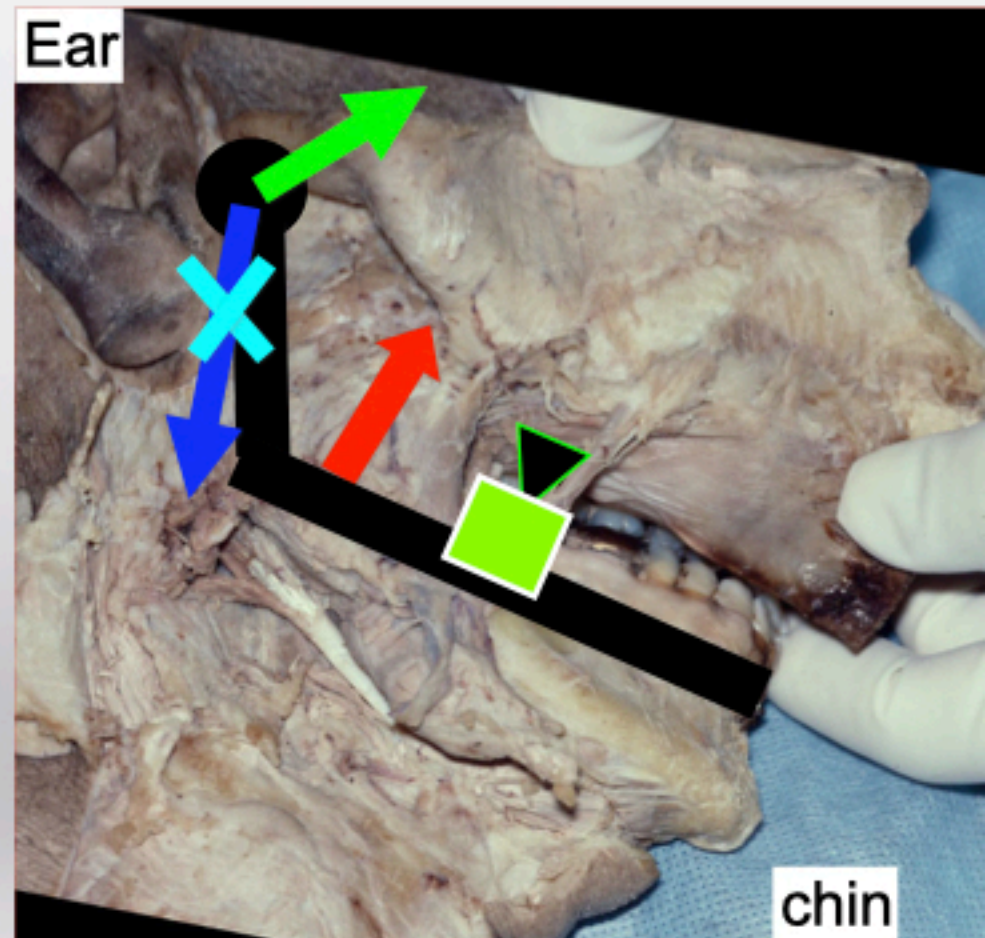


Biomechanics

Anterior Stop Orthotic



Posterior Stop Orthotic



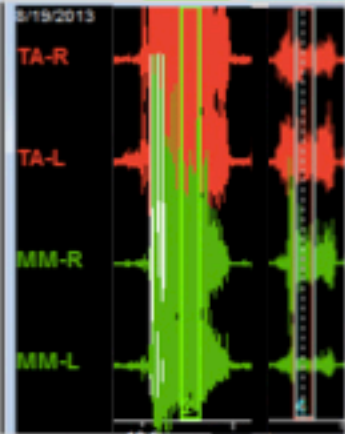
3. Are the TMJ muscles inhibited from full contraction with anterior only tooth contact?

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

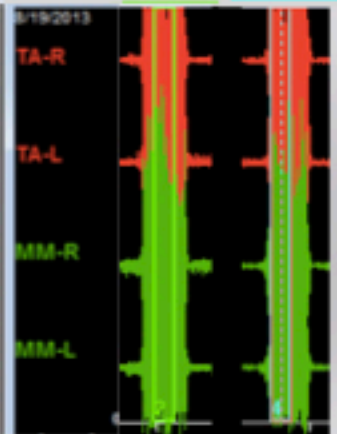
	Clench MaxIC	Anterior Stop D-PAS
	μV	μV
TA-R	100.6	15.7
TA-L	108.9	25.3
MM-R	115.4	25.5
MM-L	70.5	6.8



Major decrease in muscle power with D-PAS

Another Patient with muscles NOT inhibited by anterior only contact

	Clench MaxIC	Anterior Stop D-PAS
	μV	μV
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

Choosing the Correct Night Guard

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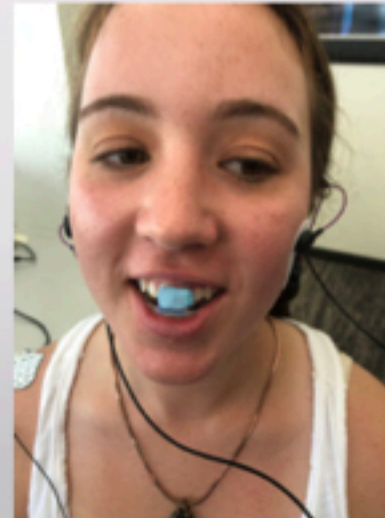
M-Scan EMG Electromyography



Clench back teeth



Clench
anterior stop



Can place moderate force
on front teeth

Clench

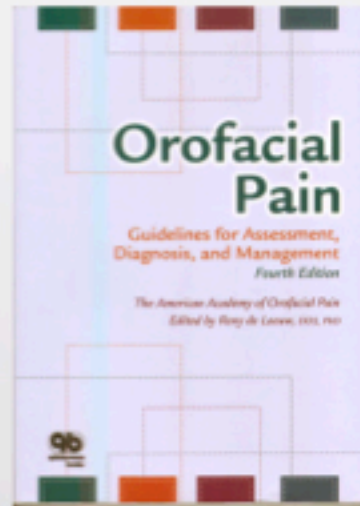
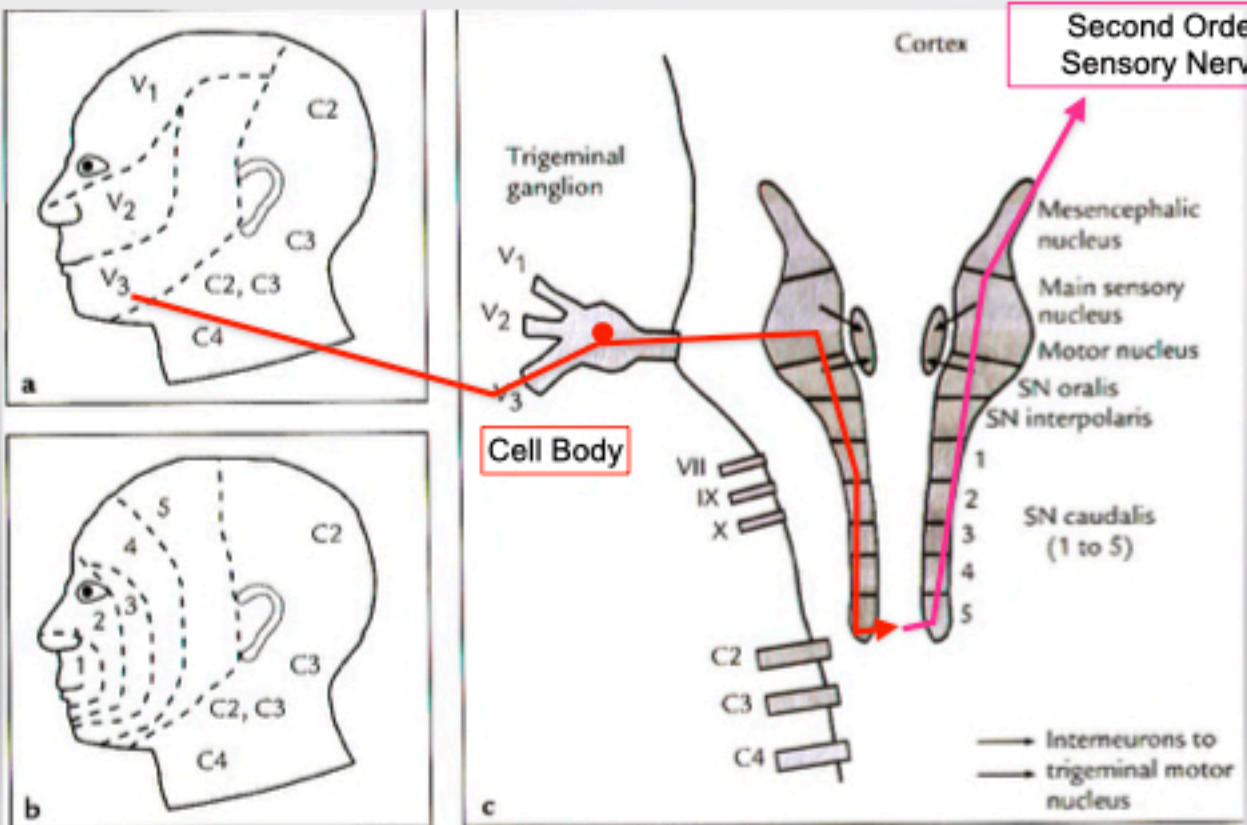
Back teeth +250 μ v
Front teeth +121 μ v



Trigeminal Ganglion-
 Cell bodies of trigeminal primary sensory neurons
 Trigeminal Nucleus
 Connection of primary neurons with secondary neurons

Afferent
 First Order
 Sensory Nerve

Touch cheek

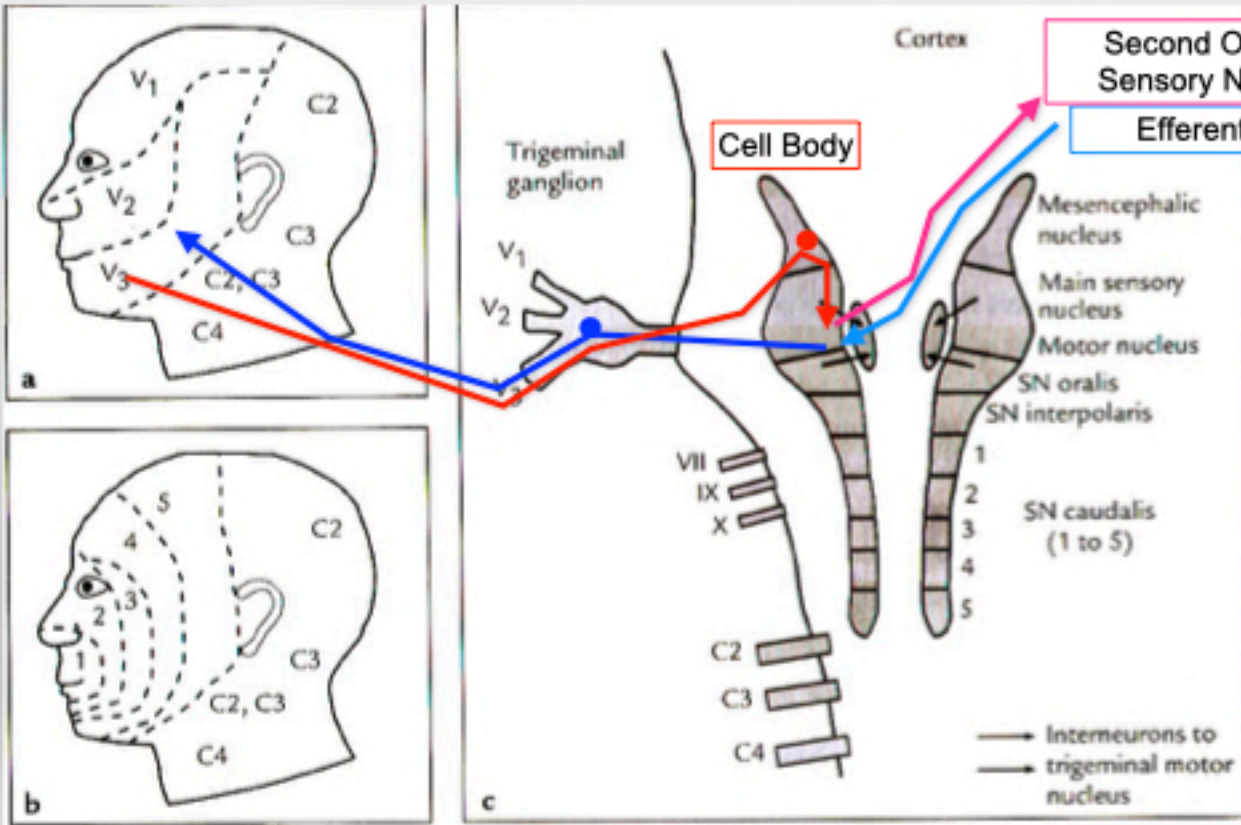


First Order PDL sensory neurons and proprioception neurons of TMJ closing muscles have their cell bodies in the upper section of the Trigeminal Nucleus and synapse with their second order neurons in the Motor nucleus

Efferent motor neurons to the TMJ muscles also synapse in the motor Nucleus

PDL Afferent
First Order
Sensory Nerve

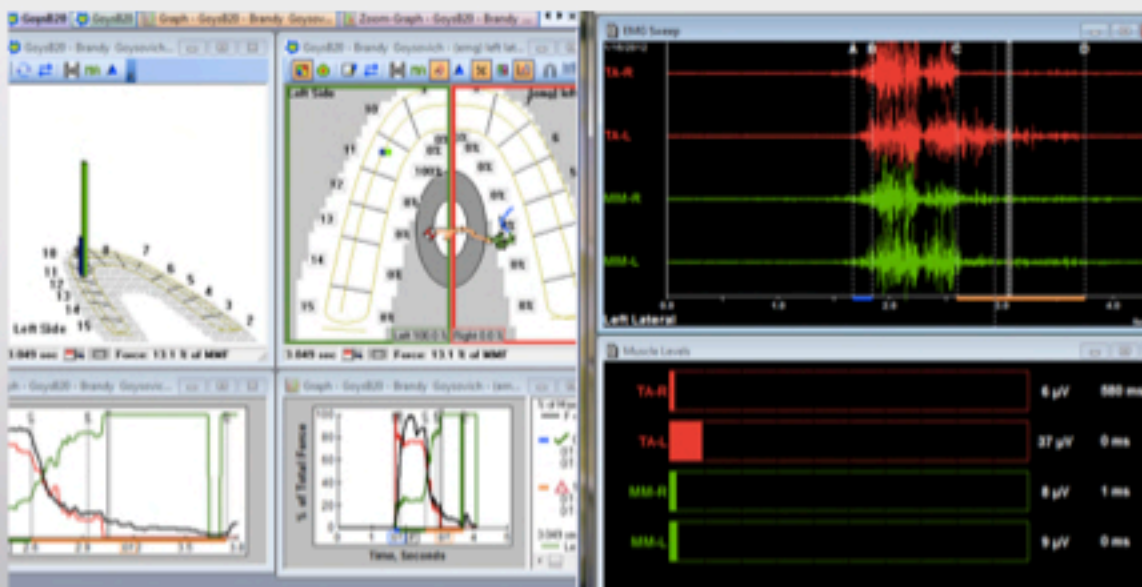
Tap Teeth
PDL Sensory



Blink and PDL only peripheral
nerves with cell bodies in CNS

TScan EMG Link

We can measure muscle activity chairside and link it to occlusal contacts
Muscles are inhibited from firing with anterior only contact
Gives endpoint to occlusal adjustment

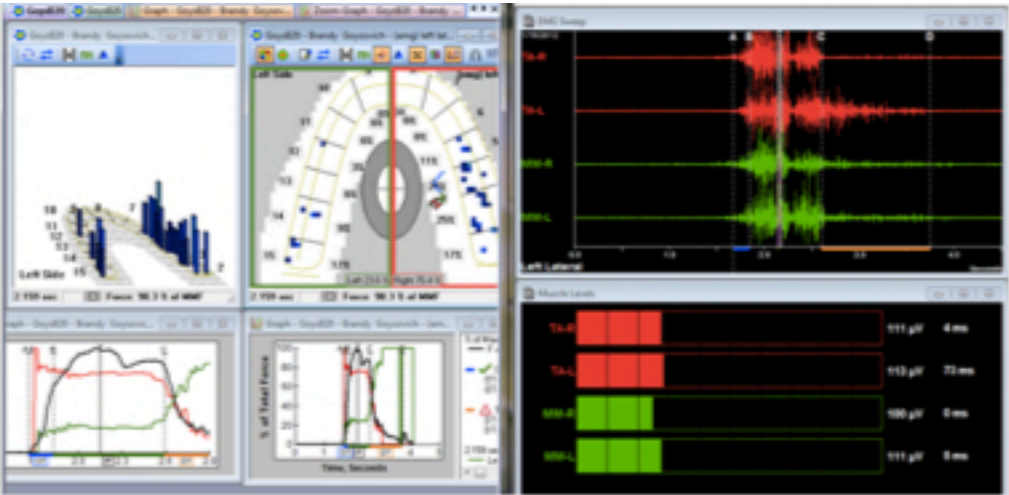
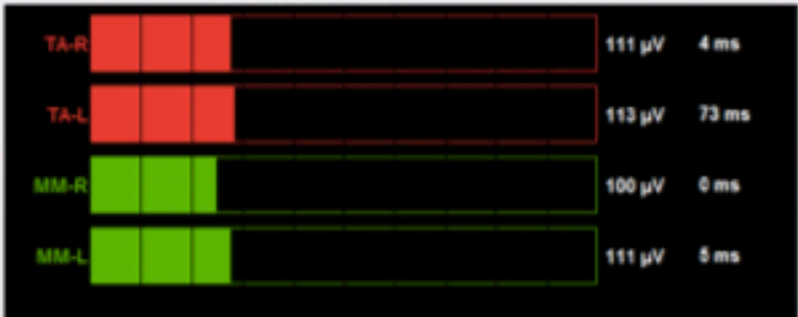


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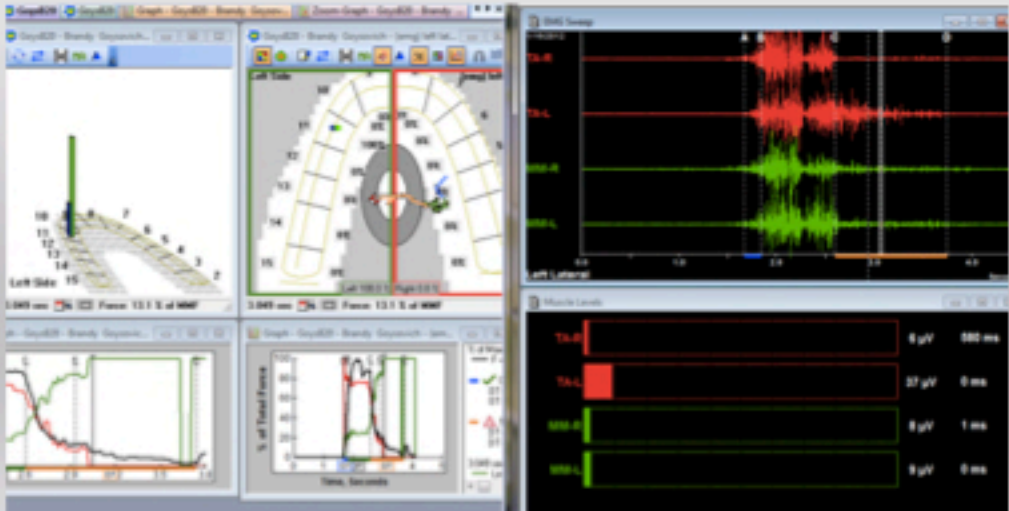
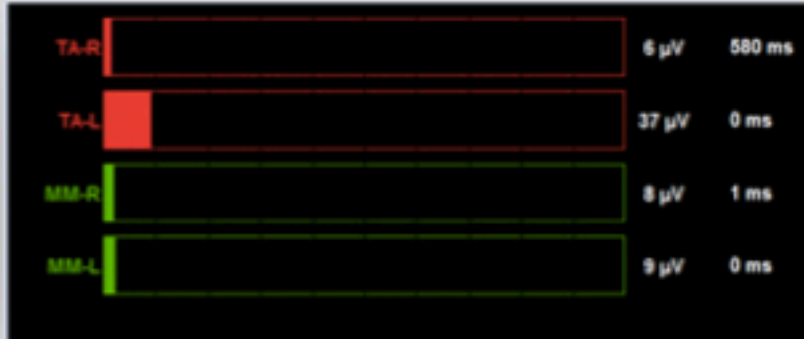
EMG Tscan- Masseter and Temporalis

Maximum Intercuspatation Clench

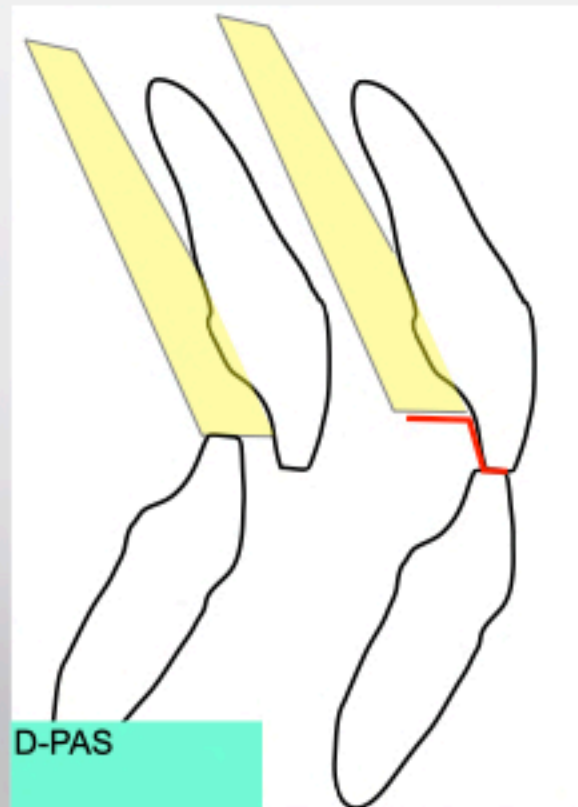
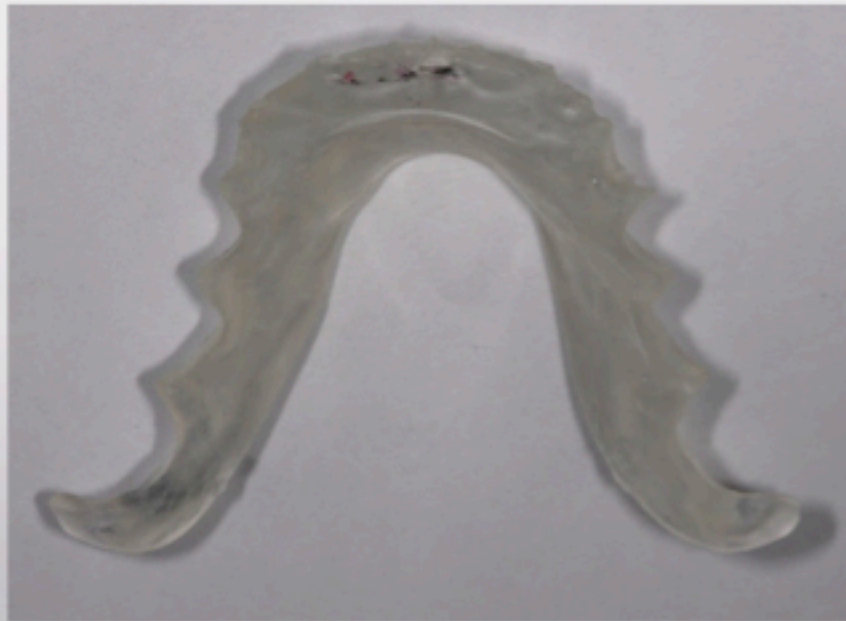
100-113 microvolts



Left Lateral Excursion



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

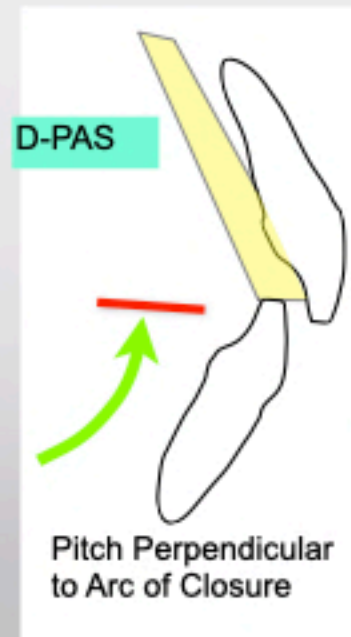
Sleep Clenching Inhibited: Wear D-PAS as night guard
Orthotic Improved Airway: D-PAS as night guard
Occlusal Muscle Disharmony: Occlusal Adjust

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 Burs Shape and Polish



Brassler H351G.11.070 HP G-Cutter Carbide
 Brassler 295E HP E cutter
 Preat F-8 Silicon Polisher
 Keystone Scotch-Brite Red Polisher, Fine

D-PAS Handout to patient

D-PAS Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop Test

Dr John R. Drotar, DDS

This is a diagnostic test, not treatment.

D-PAS Instructions:

For next 2 weeks wear for sleeping and occasionally during the daytime.
 Try wearing all day for 1 or 2 days.
 Put D-PAS in if you are having sore muscles or a headache.
 You will need to remove to eat.

Keep track of what changes you notice.
 It is not unusual for your teeth to fit together differently in the morning as your jaw becomes better aligned.

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, stop wearing for 2 nights 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

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Muscle inhibition with anterior teeth only contact: D-PAS

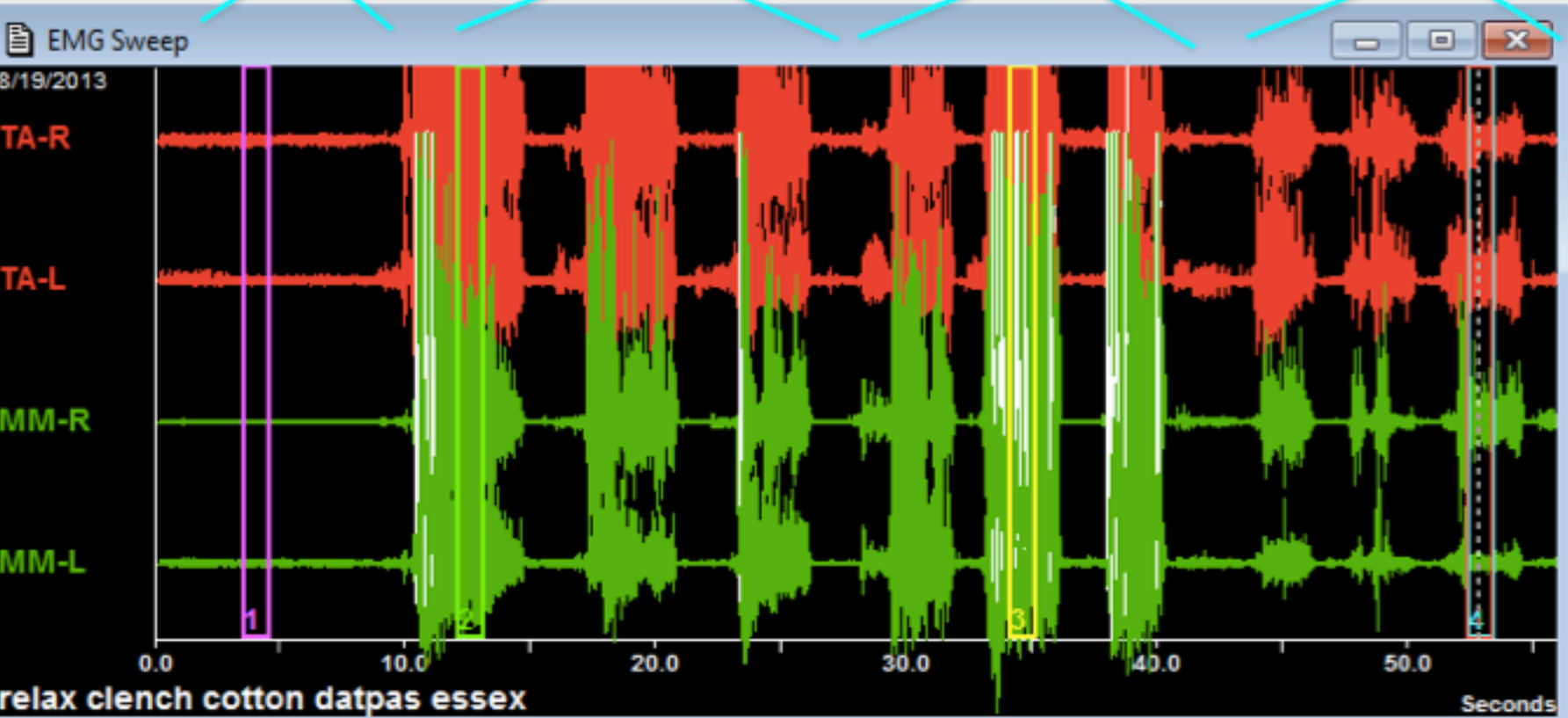
50-90% decrease EMG

Relax 10 sec

Clench 3x

Clench cotton 3x

D-PAS clench 3x



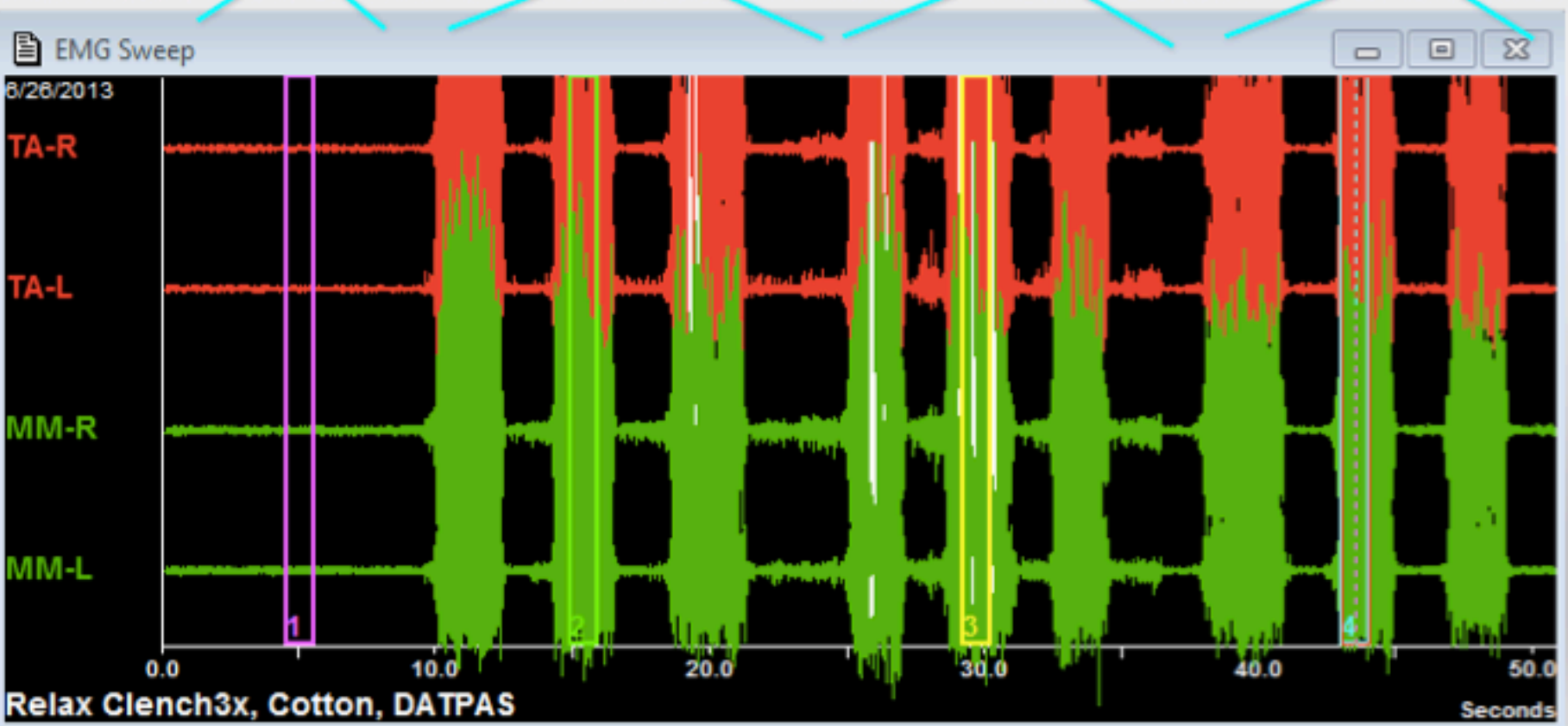
No muscle inhibition with anterior teeth only contact- D-PAS

Relax 10 sec

Clench 3x

Clench cotton 3x

D-PAS clench 3x



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4. Is there an airway issue? (Upper Airway Resistance or Obstructive Sleep Apnea)

"Sleep Airway Screening"



High Resolution
Pulse Oximetry

Data every 1
second average
over 3 seconds



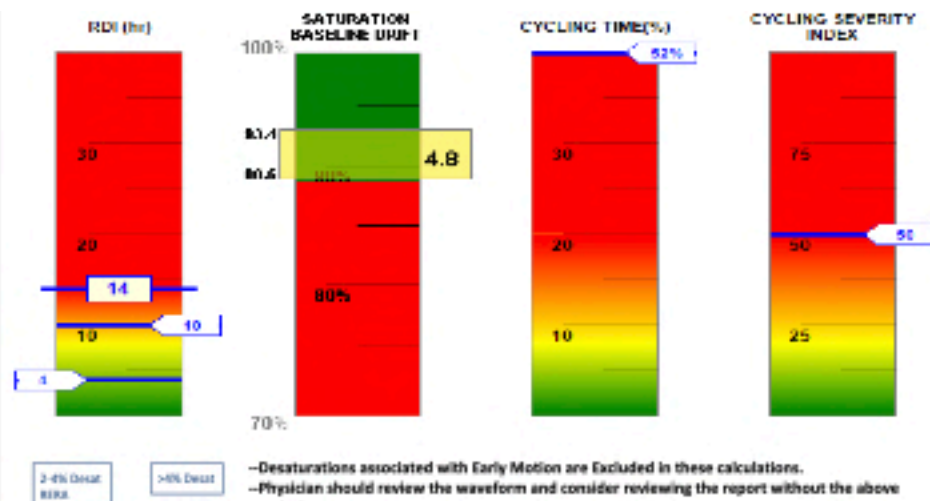
Patient Safety Inc.

SLEEPSAT

SATSCREEN

Order Pulse Ox and Software: Go to my website or
www.patientsafetyinc.com

Sleep SAT is the replacement for
PULSOX 300i, Konica Minolta no longer made



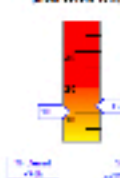
OXYGEN SATURATION BASELINE ANALYSIS

Oxygen Saturation Baseline	
Drift(OSBD) (normal <= 3)	5
Initial Saturation Baseline	93
Lowest Saturation Baseline	89
Highest Saturation Baseline	93

Baseline is determined by the Mean SpO2 during 3 Minute window without Artifact and without Sweats.

PATTERN BASED REPORT

Event 30.0-9.7
Level over 6.0



SPO2 CYCLING

% Time in Cycling (Duration)	52%	(02:50:14)
Cycling Frequency	45	
96% - Lowest Sat	13	
Cycling Severity Index	56	

The total time oxygen saturation was <= 88% was 00:13:39

TRADITIONAL REPORT

		%SpO2	DURATION	%TOTAL
ODI:	11	94-100	00:16:37	5%
Total ODI Events:	58	88-94	04:57:26	91%
Time in ODI Events:	00:29:26	80-88	00:13:39	4%
Avg ODI Event Duration:	00:00:28	70-80	00:00:00	0%
<=88% ODI Events:	23	<= 70	00:00:00	0%
<=88% Longest Duration:	00:01:21	Total	05:27:42	99%
Minimum SpO2:	84	Motion Artifact	00:00:07	0.04%
Avg Low 10% SpO2:	86	Error Signal	00:00:05	0.03%
Avg Low SpO2:	89			
Avg Low SpO2 <=88%:	87			

Definition of ODI Events: a fall in oxygen saturation of at least 4% and persisting greater than 3 seconds.

zMachine

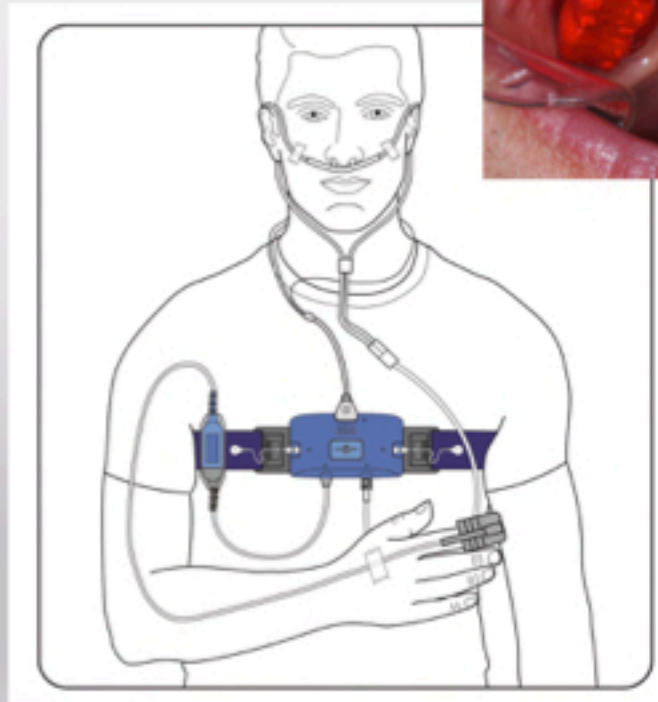
zMachine + Brux Checker
+ Snore Lab

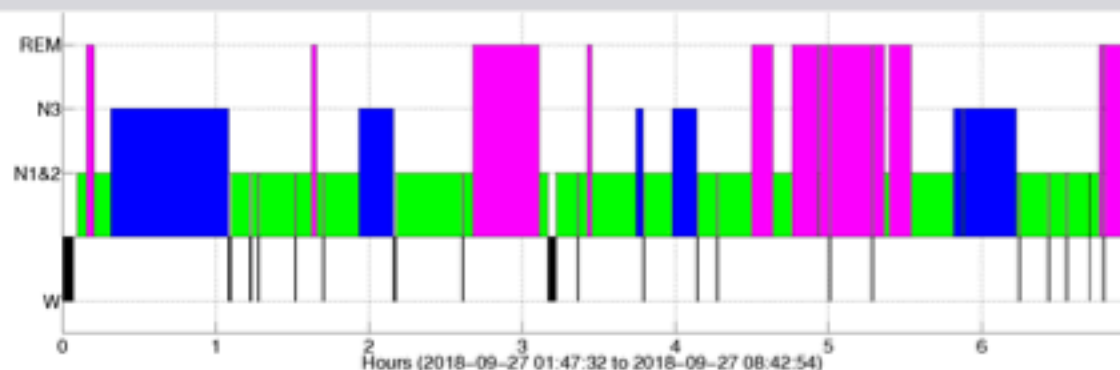
GENERAL
sleep



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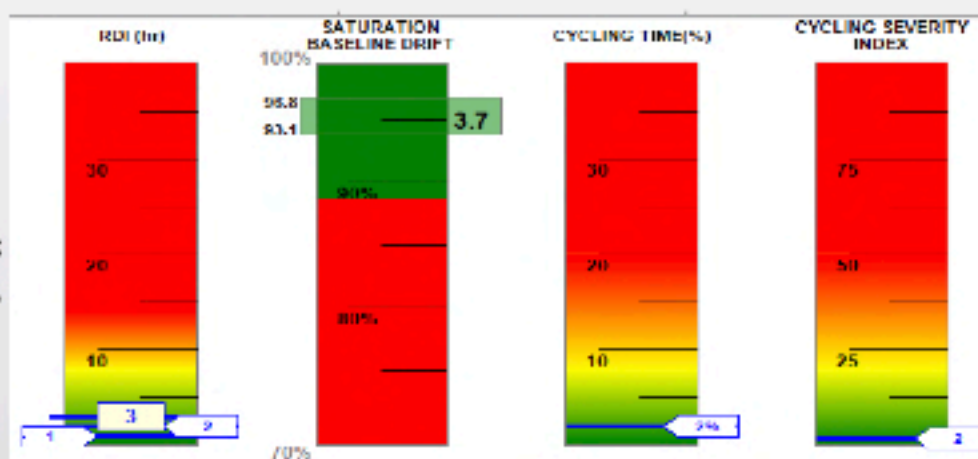
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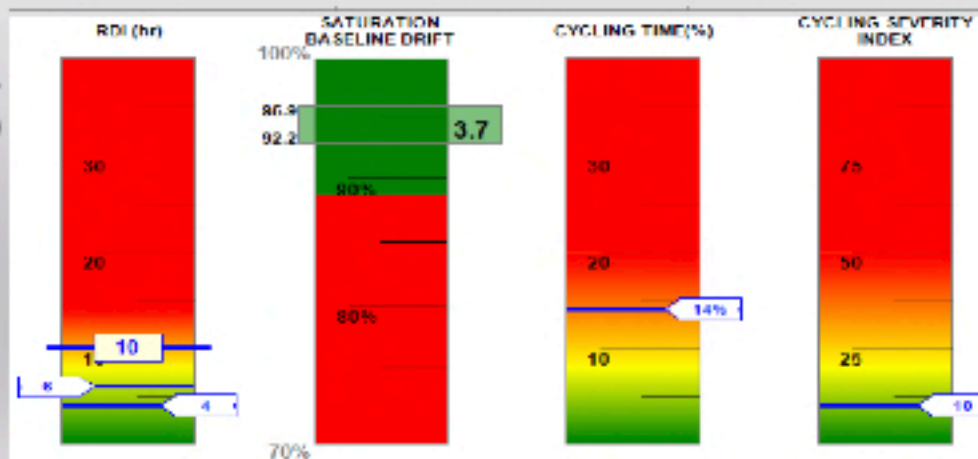
RDI= Respiratory Distress Index

Sometimes D-PAS
makes airway better,
sometimes worse

No dental orthotic
RDI = 3



Dental Orthotic:
Anterior Stop: D-PAS
RDI = 10



High Resolution
Pulse Oximetry

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

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

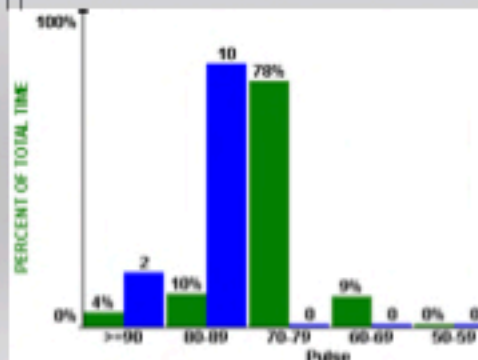
Pulse Rate Range

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

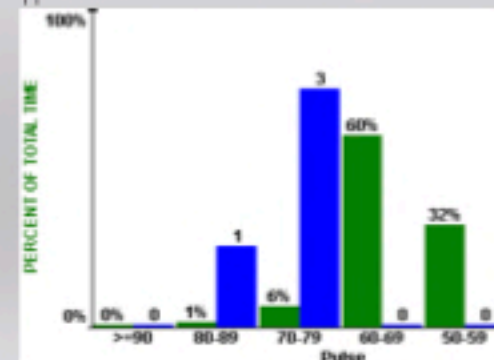
Pulse Rate Range

Mean: 63

Min: 52

Max: 120

63



Treating Common TMDs in a General Practice

Management

Diagnosis

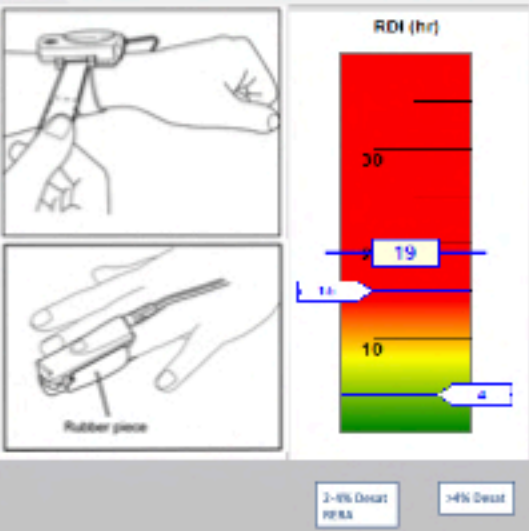
Sleep Grinding Airway Related

Pattern

Worn Teeth
Upper Airway Resistance

Treatment

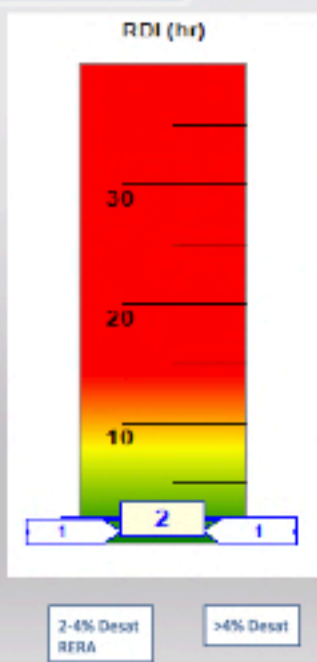
Mandibular Advancement
Appliance (after MD approves)



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



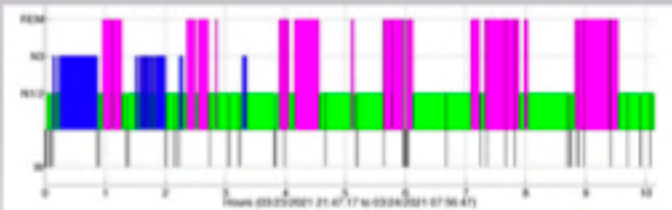
Sleep Simplified

1. Need adequate Deep and REM Sleep every night.
2. Need to get oxygen through the nose to lungs, unimpeded, all the time.
3. Parasympathetic Dominance in non REM Sleep

Sleep Complexity:

Problems are Numerous.....
 Tests are Numerous.....
 Therapies are Numerous.....

Always go to the back to basics:
 60+min Deep and 90+min REM
 Air from Nose to Lungs
 Large periods of calm, steady heart rate

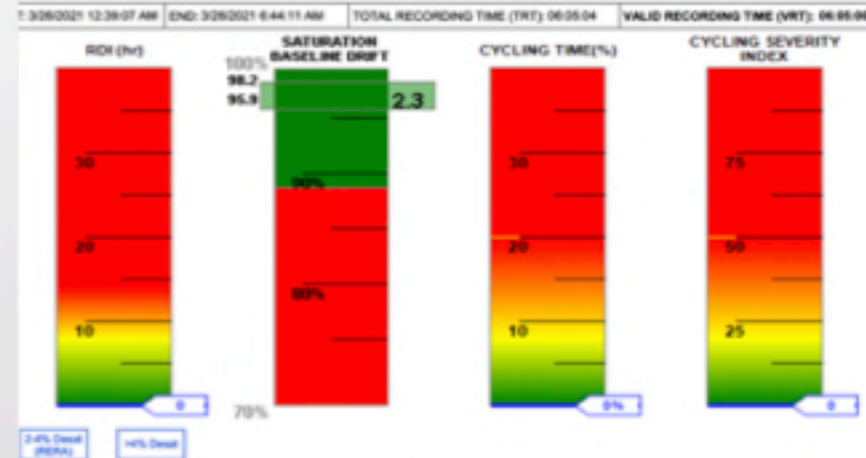


AHI: **0.5**

AHI is how many times an hour
 your blood oxygen goes down.

zMachine: Interrupted Deep and REM

Sat Screen by Patient Safety Inc



PULSE RATE DATA

Autonomic Arousal

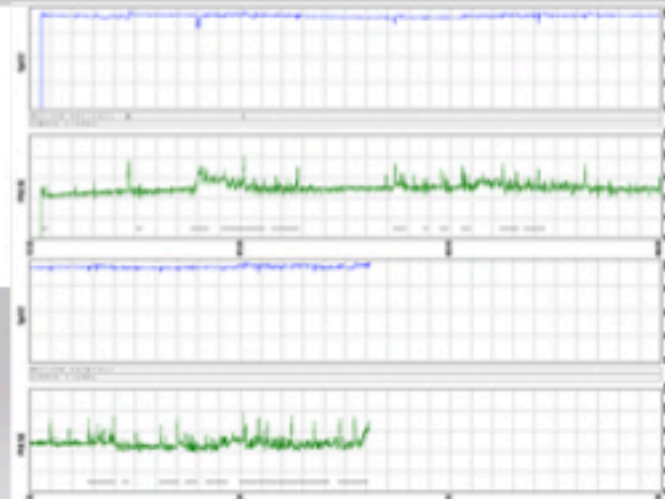
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Pulse Rate Range

Mean: 69

Min: 58

Max: 102



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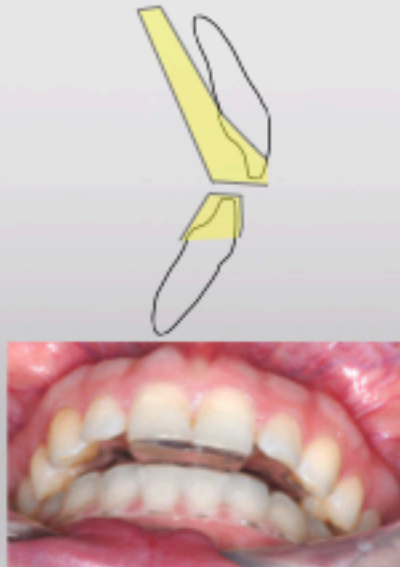
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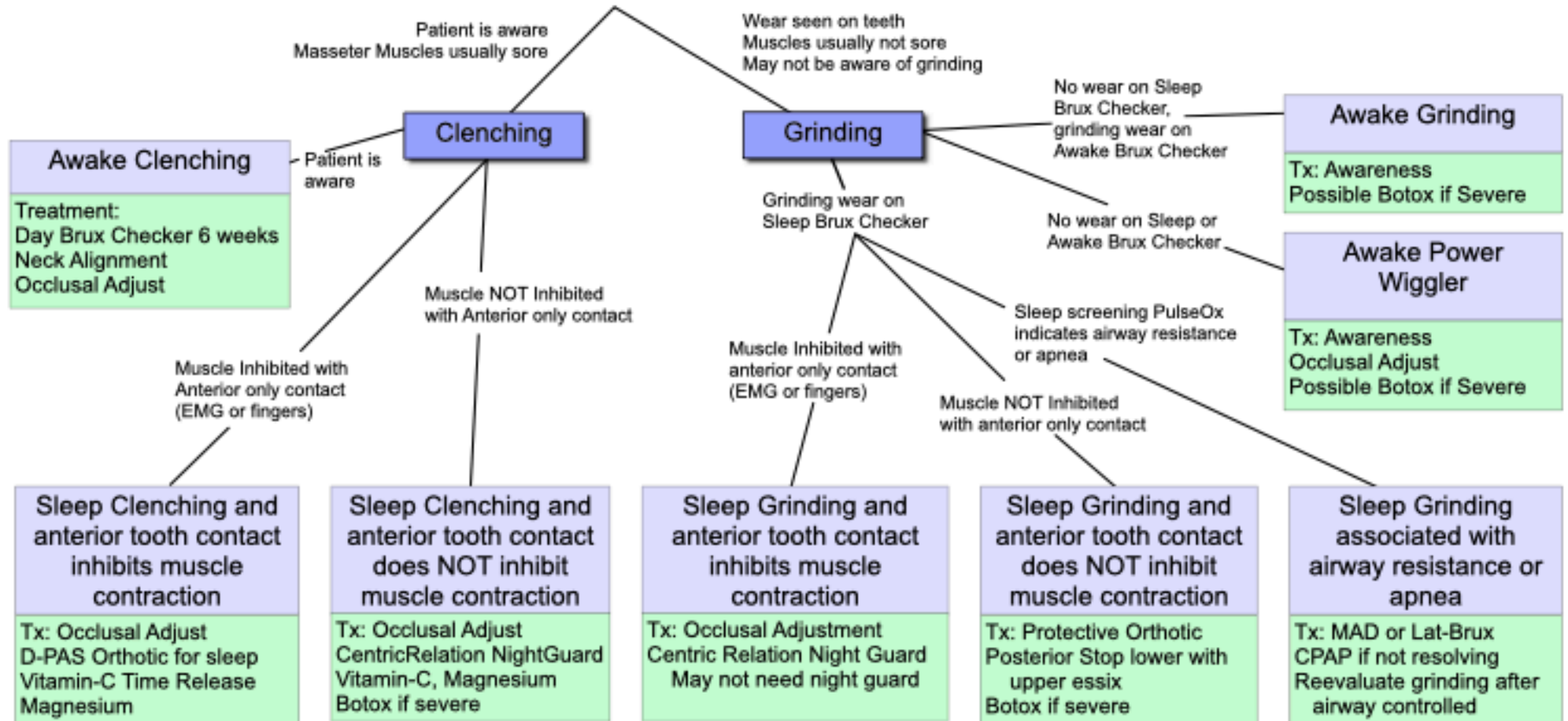
Hard Lower Posterior Stop
with upper essix



Hard Lower Full Coverage
Centric Relation Orthotic



BRUXING: PARAFUNCTIONAL TOOTH CONTACT



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Patient is aware
Masseter Muscles usually sore

Clenching

Awake Clenching

Treatment:
Day Brux Checker 6 weeks
Neck Alignment
Occlusal Adjust

Patient is aware

Muscle Inhibited with Anterior only contact (EMG or fingers)

Sleep Clenching and anterior tooth contact inhibits muscle contraction

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

Muscle NOT Inhibited with Anterior only contact

Sleep Clenching and anterior tooth contact does NOT inhibit muscle contraction

Tx: Occlusal Adjust
CentricRelation NightGuard
Vitamin-C, Magnesium
Botox if severe

Wear seen on teeth
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May not be aware of grinding

Grinding

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Awake Grinding

Tx: Awareness
Possible Botox if Severe

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Parafunctional Clenching

Signs

- Strong Masseters
- No major wear on teeth
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- Slight scratch vibration doppler/ JVA



Symptoms

- Aware of clenching
- Sore muscles on waking
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- Headaches

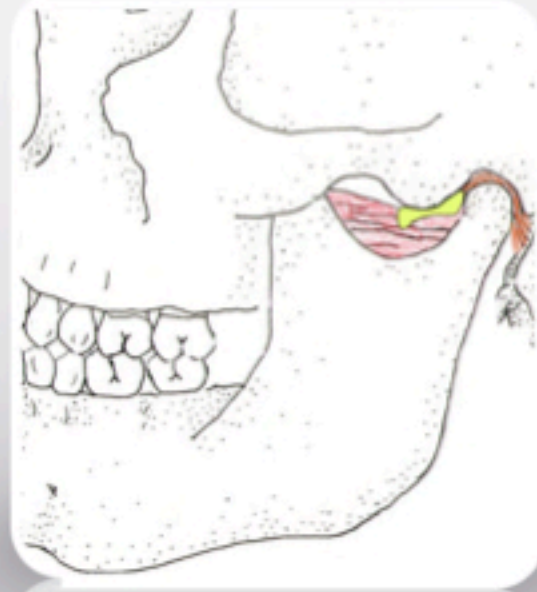
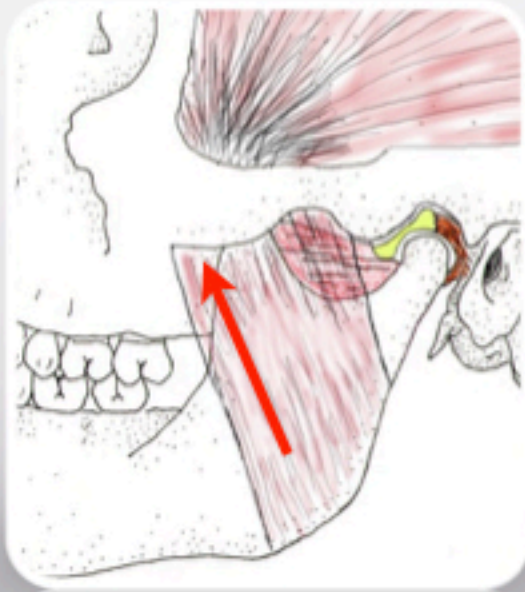


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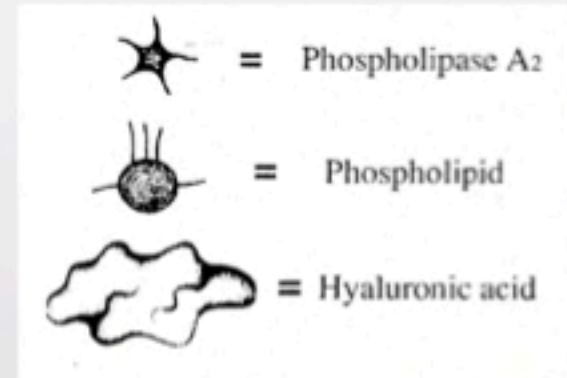
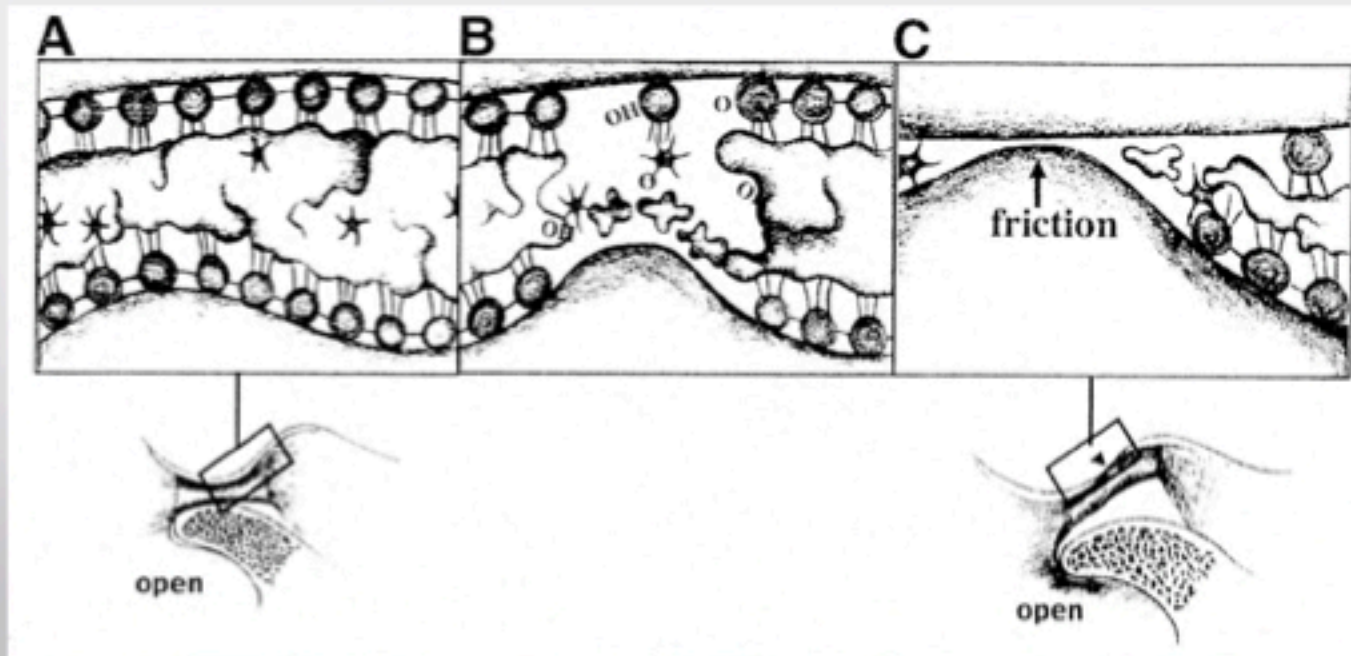
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- Neck stabilization
- SSRI

Clenching can cause disc subluxation

Chronic Micro Trauma from clenching



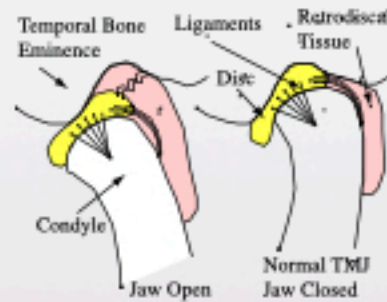
Clenching breaks down Hyaluronic Acid and Phospholipids
Creates "Sticky disc"



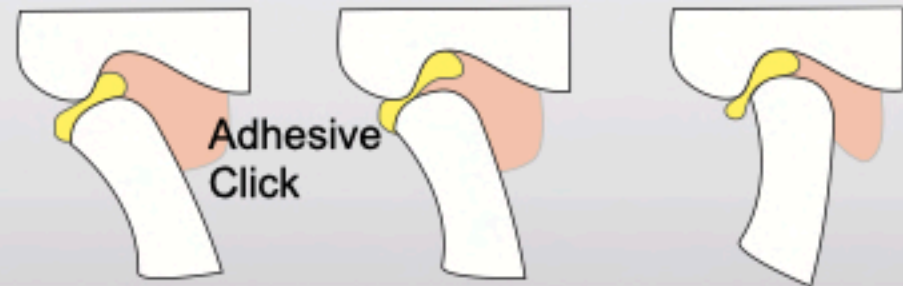
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Clenching can lead to disc dislocation

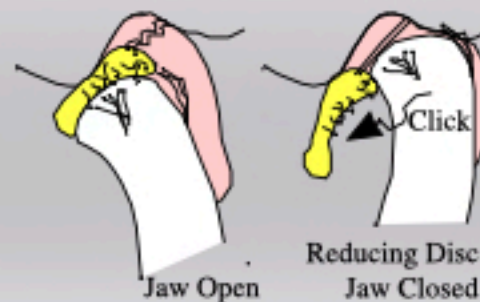
Normal



“Sticky Disc” - Clenching causes disc to stick in upper joint compartment. As condyle moves forward, disc distorts and eventually releases, making a clicking sound. On closing disc is slow to return, stretching discal ligaments.



Over time can lead to Anterior Disc Dislocation with Reduction



Hypoxia Re-perfusion Injury

Clenching: Static Loading No Oxygen/Hypoxia
On waking with joint motion get re-perfusion of Oxygen
Oxygen Free Radicals cause Oxidative Damage

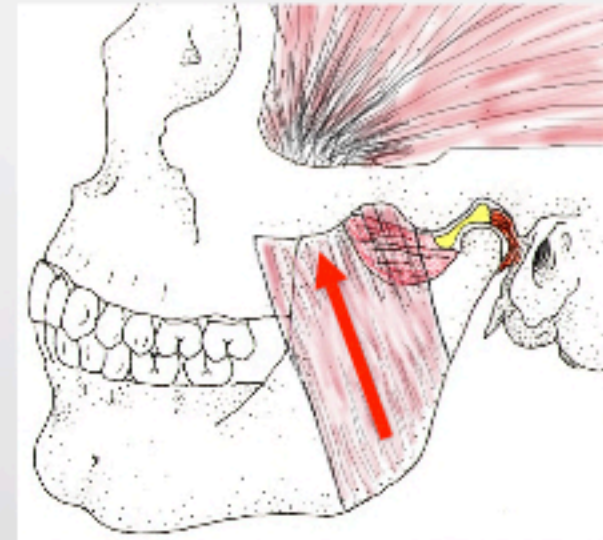
If antioxidants (Vitamin A, C, E) around:

Protects tissue from damage

Vitamin C 1000 mg at dinner with other vitamins

NOW Vitamin C Sustained Release 1000 mg

Shaklee Vitamin C Sustained Release 500 mg x2



Tx for Clenchers: Vitamin C at dinner, possible add Mg++ at 8pm , D-PAS



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Hypoxic-reperfusion injury in the inflamed human joint. Lancet. 1989 Feb 11;1(8633):289-93.

McAlindon TE, Jacques P, Zhang Y, Hannan MT, Do antioxidant micronutrients protect against the
development and progression of knee osteoarthritis?, Arthritis Rheum. 1996 Apr;39(4):648-56.

Magnesium Nutritional Supplementation

Magnesium is the “Muscle Relaxation” mineral- used in ER and Obstetrics
Magnesium deficiency may increase clenching
Most Magnesium is intracellular so blood test may not detect deficiency

Supplemental Magnesium

Take 2h before bed (8pm).

Too much will cause Diarrhea. Right amount will loosen stools.

Need to be sure kidneys are healthy

Natural Calm Magnesium Citrate- 1 teaspoon (162mg)

Mother Earth Ionic Angstrom Magnesium- 0.5 teaspoon sublingual (5mg)



www.naturalvitality.com



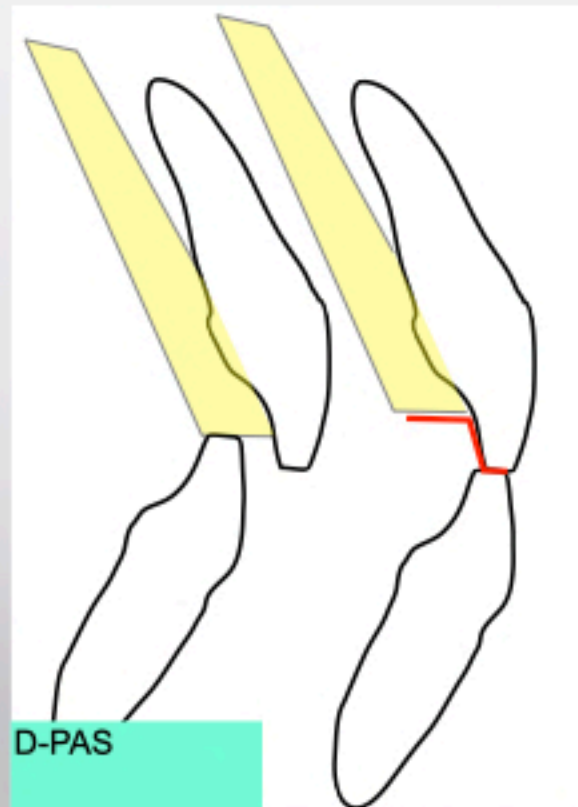
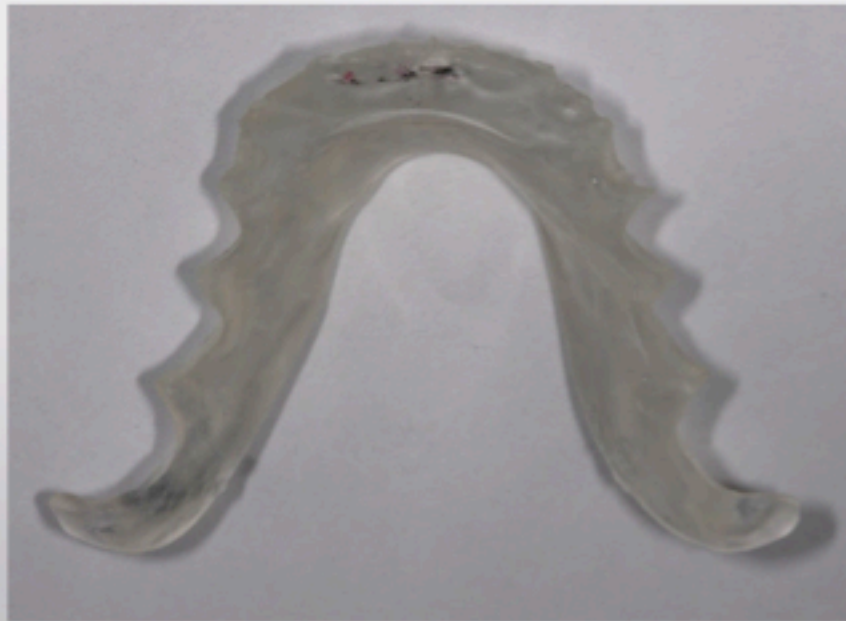
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Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop D-PAS



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

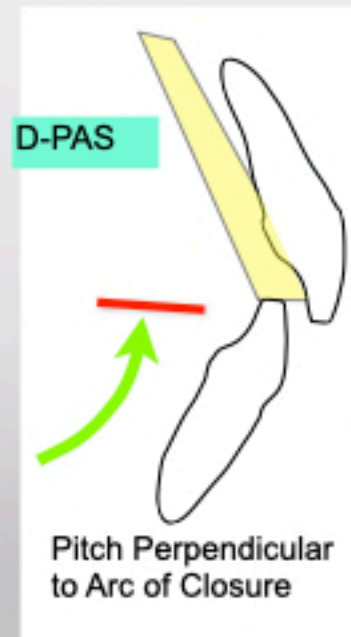
Sleep Clenching Inhibited: Wear D-PAS as night guard
Orthotic Improved Airway: D-PAS as night guard
Occlusal Muscle Disharmony: Occlusal Adjust

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

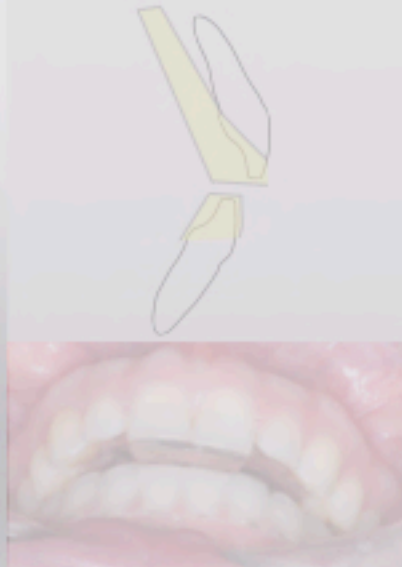
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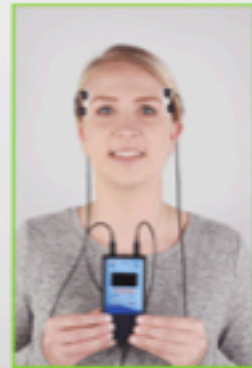


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Diagnostic Tests

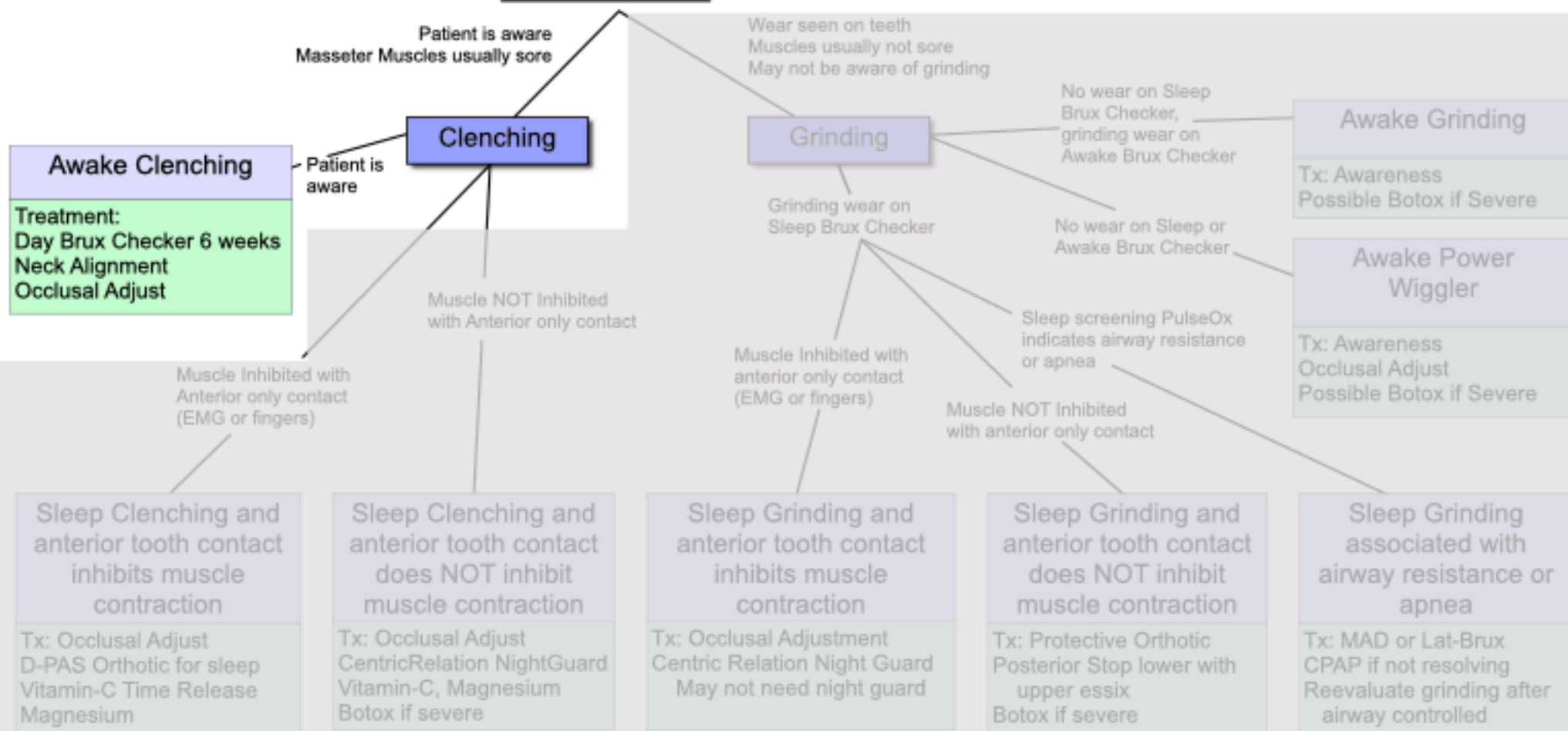
- EMG M-scan
- Determine if muscle inhibition
- D-PAS for sleep



Treatments

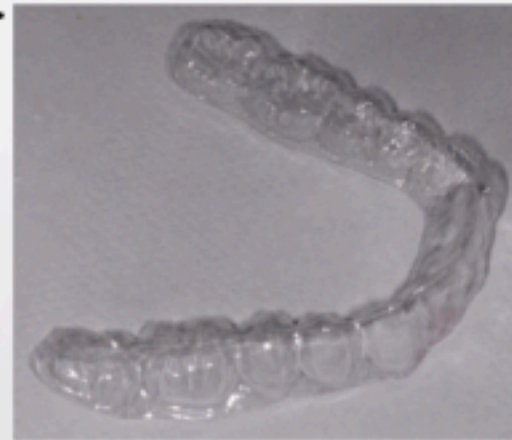
- Occlusal Adjustment
- Neck alignment/ stabilization
- D-PAS as night guard if good inhibition
- Time Release Vitamin C
- Angstrom Magnesium
- Clear Brux Checker daytime for 6 weeks

BRUXING: PARAFUNCTIONAL TOOTH CONTACT



Daytime Clenching- Clear Brux Checker Increases awareness to break habit

Very thin: Similar to mylar used for composites
50 μ m thick



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Masseter Muscles usually sore

Clenching

Awake Clenching

Treatment:
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Neck Alignment
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Medications that affect Parafunction

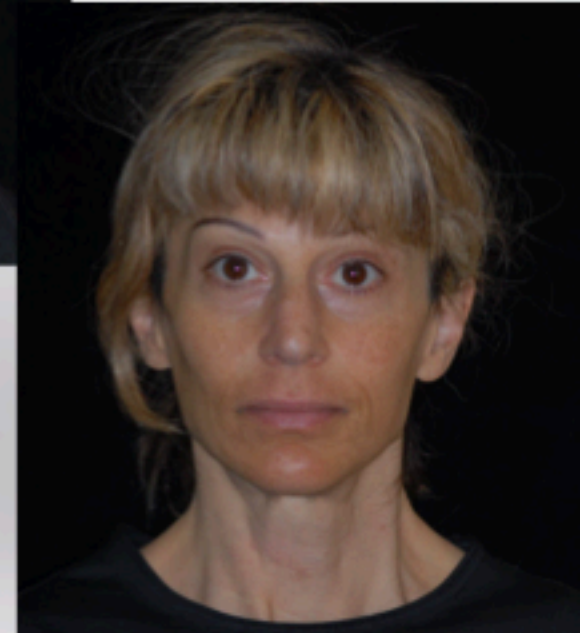
Botox will decrease strength of
bruxing contraction Decrease
Masseter Hypertrophy

Botox injection
Masseter Muscles



Need to address cervical and occlusal
issues along with Botox therapy

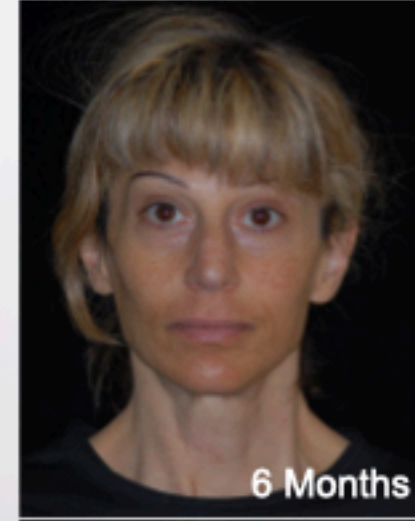
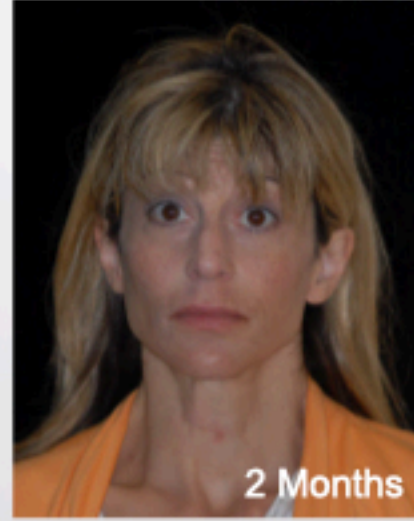
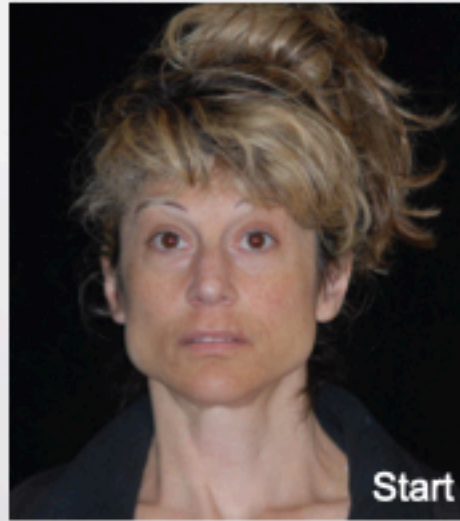
6 months



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botulinum toxin type A. Gaofeng L1, Jun T, Bo P, Bosheng Z, Qian Z, Dongping L.

Medications that affect Bruxing

Botox injection
Masseter
Muscles



Medications that affect Bruxing

Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors

SSRI that increase bruxing: Prozac, Zoloft

SSRI neutral on bruxing: Cymbalta, Wellbutrin

Klonopin/Clonazepam (benzodiazepine)

May decrease sleep bruxing

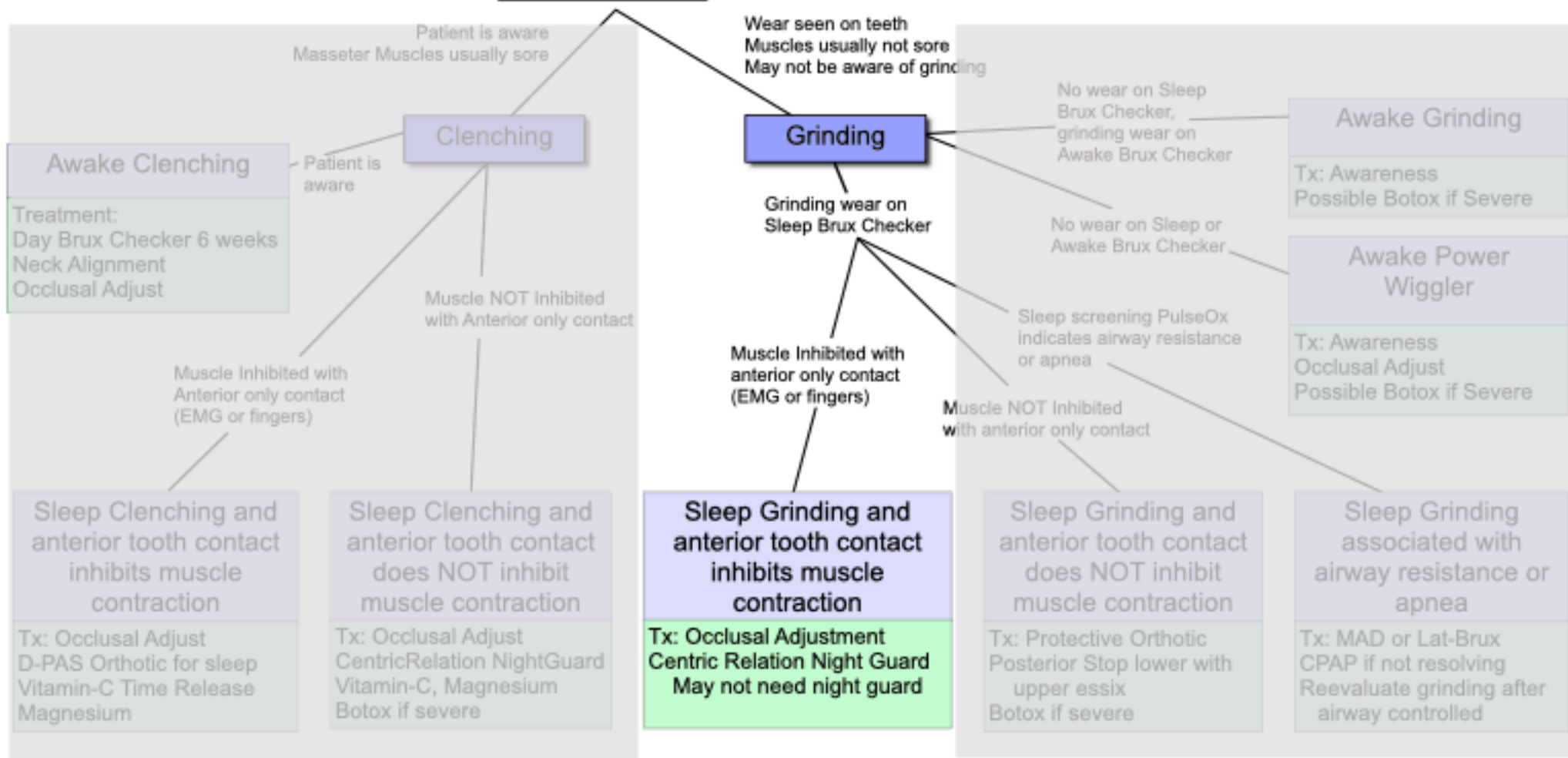
Addiction potential, causes low BP

Not a long term solution



Maria Clotilde Carra DMD, Nelly Huynh PhD, and Gilles Lavigne DMD PhD FRDC
Sleep Bruxism: A Comprehensive Overview for the Dental Clinician Interested in Sleep Medicine.
Dental Clinics of NA, 56(2), 387–413. doi:10.1016/j.cden.2012.01.003

BRUXING: PARAFUNCTIONAL TOOTH CONTACT



Which Orthotic to use:

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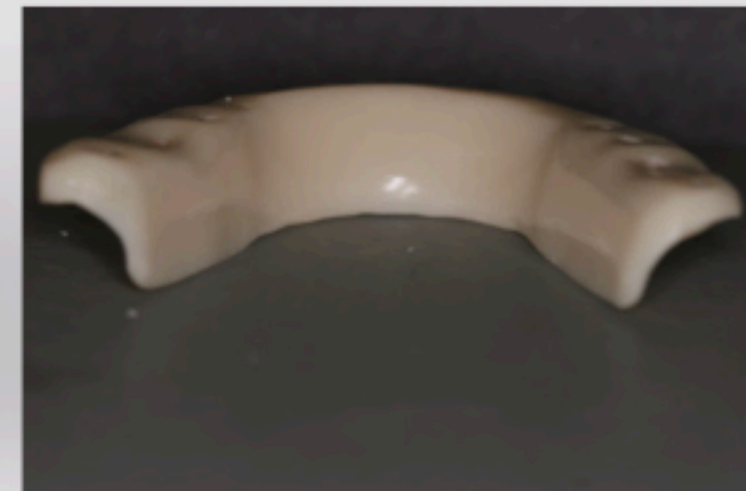


Hard Lower Full Coverage
Centric Relation Orthotic





Anatomic Orthotic by Dr. Buzz Raymond



Pankey Study Clubs
Tanner Study Clubs

LD Pankey's 3 Rules of Occlusion

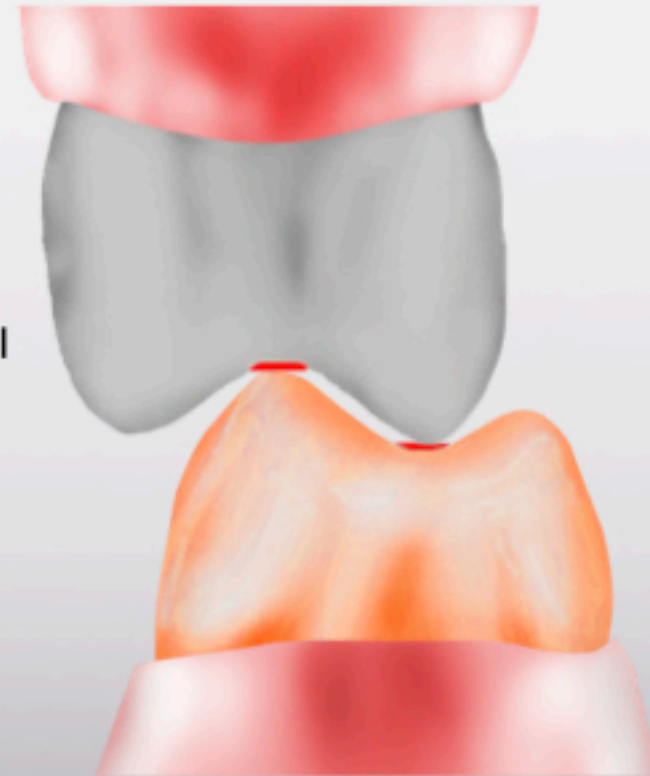
(Clyde Schuyler)

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.

Bonus Rule- Harmonious Anterior Guidance. Cuspid guidance directs the mandible slightly forward, not backward, with smooth cross over from cuspid to anterior teeth. Protrusive contact even on both central incisors.

Bonus Observation- All the above work much better the closer the teeth are to being on the Curve of Spee and Curve of Wilson

Why LD Never wrote a text book

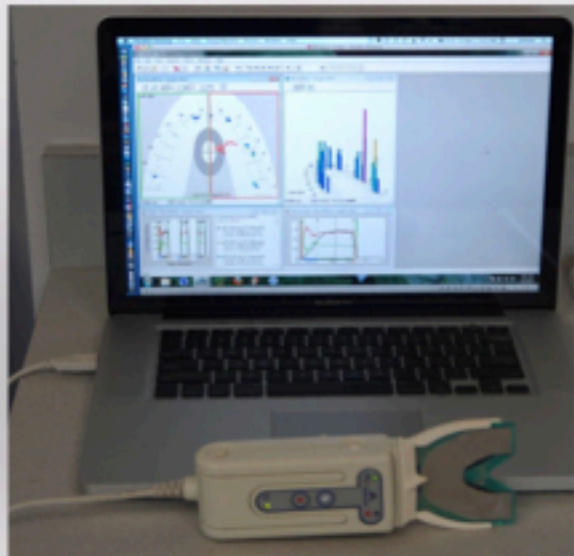


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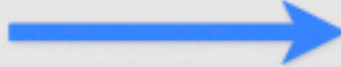
Slide by Dr John R Droter

The best orthotic may be no orthotic with teeth adjusted to a disclusion time of less than 400 mSec with T-Scan

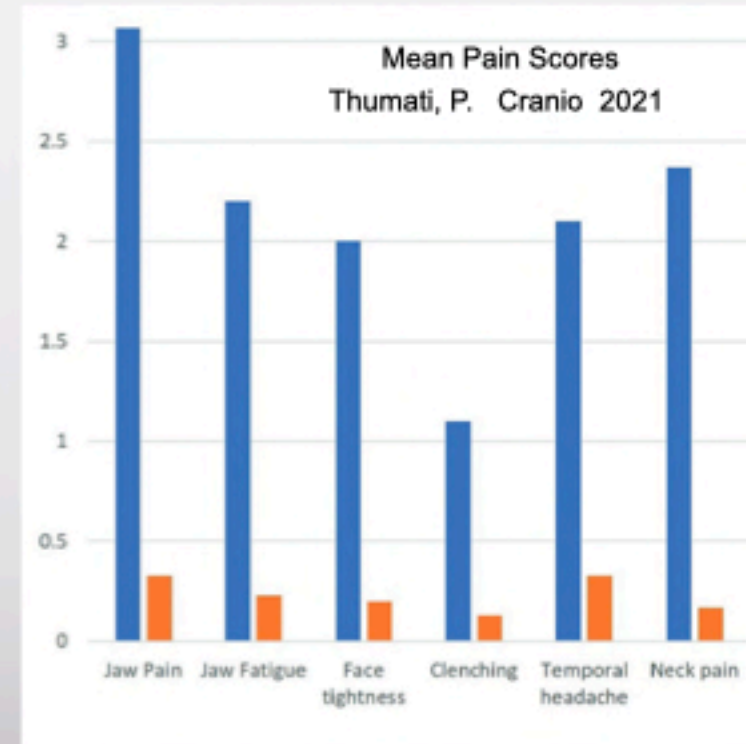
Teeth reshaped so all teeth hit even with condyles seated in fossa. Posterior teeth separate on lateral and anterior excursions.



Reshape teeth



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Kerstein, RB. Cranio 1995

Treatment of myofascial pain dysfunction syndrome with occlusal therapy to reduce lengthy disclusion time—a recall evaluation.

Thumati, P. J Indian Prosthodont 2016

The effect of disocclusion time-reduction therapy to treat chronic myofascial pain: A single group interventional study with 3 year follow-up of 100 cases.

Thumati, P. Cranio 2021

A retrospective five-year survey on the treatment outcome of disclusion time reduction (DTR) therapy in treating temporomandibular dysfunction patients.

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	Pre-treatment	1 Week post	12 months post
Aware of nighttime tooth grinding	88	21	11
Morning facial muscle soreness	89	2	0
Morning headache	94	23	3
Afternoon or evening headache	55	1	0
Teeth sensitive to cold	74	0	0
Daytime tooth clenching or grinding	48	9	1
Masseter muscle hypertrophy	49	15	15
Muscles tender to palpation	44	1	1
Wear facets	46	46	46
Indentations on the tongue	45	10	0
Linear Alba on inner cheek	15	4	0

Thumati, Kerstein, Radke. Advanced Dental Technologies & Techniques. December 2021
Bruxism Improvements After Disclusion Time Reduction (DTR) – A Pilot Study.

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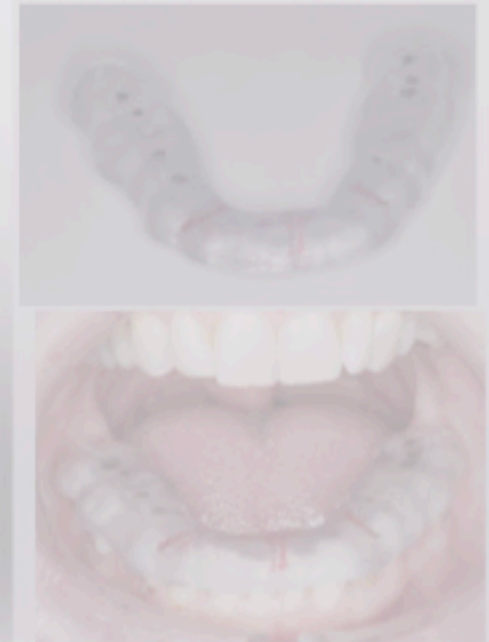
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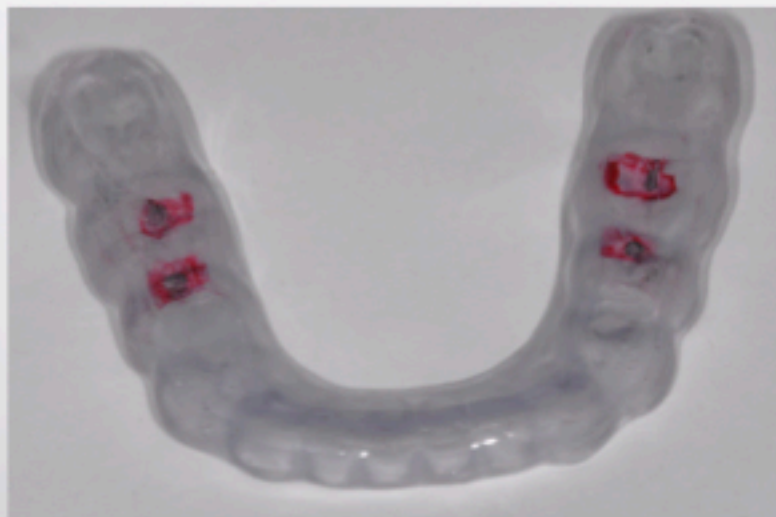
Hard Lower Posterior Stop
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Lower Posterior Stop Night guard with upper Essix





Side to Side Severe Grinding

Sleep Disorder
?Airway Related?



How to Restore??



Lavigne GJ, Khoury S, Abe S, Yamaguchi T, Raphael K., Bruxism physiology and pathology: an overview for clinicians. J Oral Rehabil. 2008 Jul;35(7):476-94



Delivery





5 years post tx



Key Point:
Build in group function
Side to Side Grinders.



Kids 25-35% Grind

Serra-Negra JM, Paiva SM, Seabra AP, Dorella C, Lemos BF, Pordeus IA., Prevalence of sleep bruxism in a group of Brazilian schoolchildren. Eur Arch Paediatr Dent. 2010 Aug;11(4):192-5.

Which Orthotic to use:

Severe Severe Power



Upper Hard Flat Plane

+ Botox every 7 months

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Fracture of porcelain and fracture of lower teeth 6 months
after delivery of full mouth crowns
(Not my crowns)



Occlusal Adjustment on curve Spee/Wilson
Set up group function
Long term Radica Temps 23-26
Pt reported crowns finally felt natural



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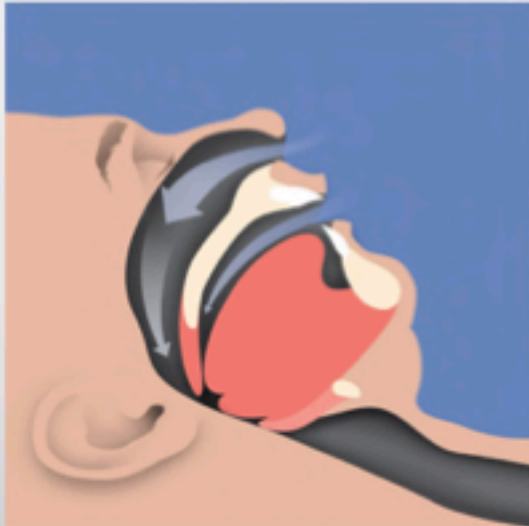
Mandibular Advancement Devices (MAD)
Open the airway by advancing the mandible and tongue



Normal Airway



Upper Airway Resistance
Snoring in men
Purring in women



Obstructed Apnea
Airway



Airway opens with
Mandibular Advancement

Better Solutions:
Treat Causes

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

Disease Stage 2

Compensation: Airway Maintained

Signs

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

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 O₂ Saturation
RERA- Respiratory Arousals
↓ 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 O₂ Saturation
Apnea
Cardiovascular Damage
Elevated BP
GERD
Sleep Teeth Grinding

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 3+% O₂ Desaturation

Disordered Breathing Disease Progression

Disease Stage 1	Disease Stage 2	Disease Stage 3	Disease Stage 4
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	Compensation: Airway Maintained Signs Tongue Grazing Indent in Tongue Head Postured Forward Jaw Postured Forward Sore Masseters Sore Neck Muscles Mouth Breathing Symptoms Facial Ache Not Waking Rested Daily Fatigue Neck Stiffness	Sleep Airway Partial Collapse Signs All of stage 1 and 2 plus... Upper Airway Resistance 2-4% Drop O ₂ Saturation RERA- Respiratory Arousal ↓ Growth Hormone Symptoms Heart Rate Fluctuation Snoring or "Purring" Weight Gain Cognitive Impairment, ADD Hyperactivity	Sleep Airway Full collapse Signs All of stage 1, 2, 3 plus... 4%+ drop O ₂ Saturation Apnea Cardiovascular Damage Elevated BP GERD Sleep Teeth Grinding Symptoms All of stage 2, 3 plus... Worn Teeth

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Signs
AHI 1-4
"Normal" ??

AHI 5-15
Mild OSA

AHI 15-30
Moderate OSA

AHI 30+
Severe

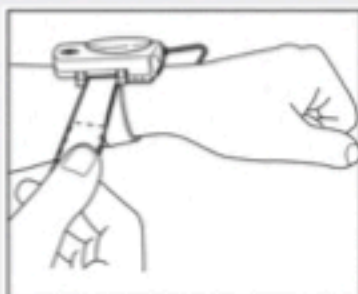
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Irreversible Damage

Symptoms
Not Waking Rested, Daily Fatigue
Cognitive Impairment
Worn Teeth

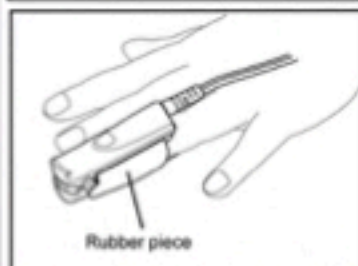
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If sleep grinding, is there an airway issue? (Upper Airway Resistance or Obstructive Sleep Apnea)



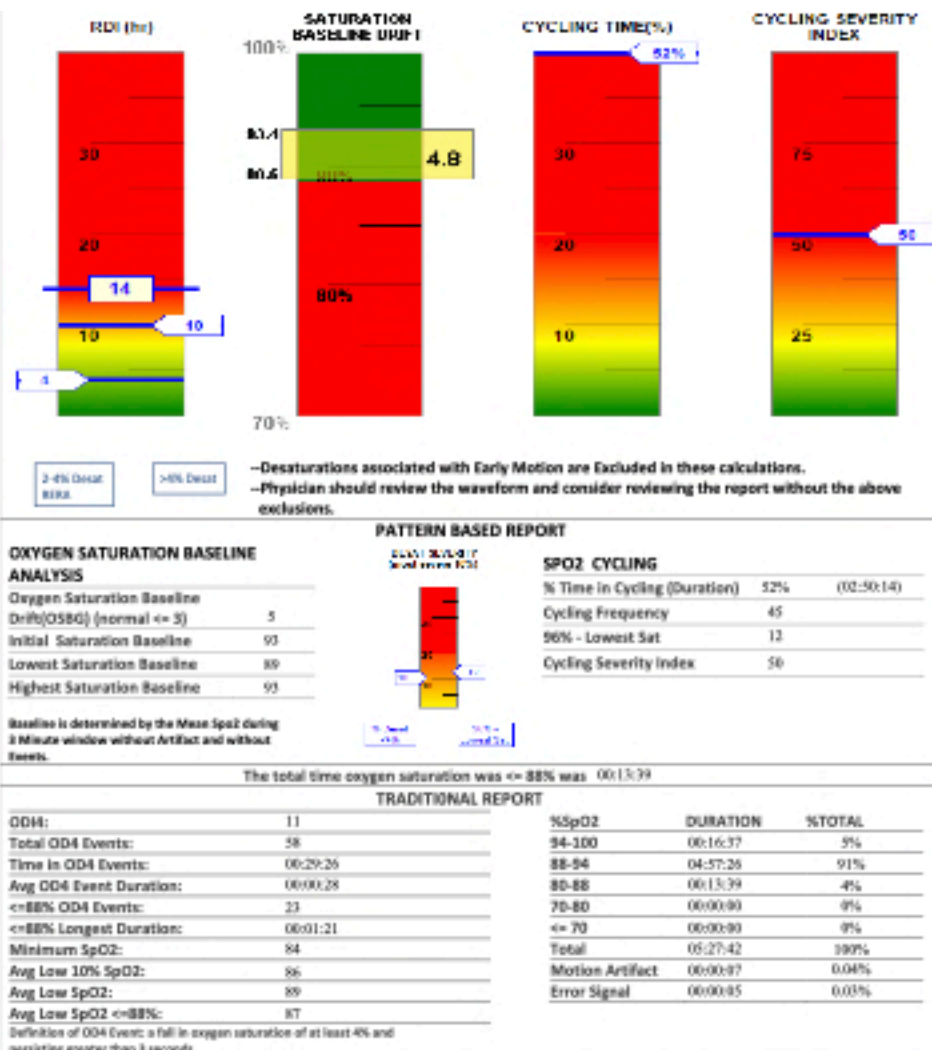
High Resolution
Pulse Oximetry

Data every 1
second average
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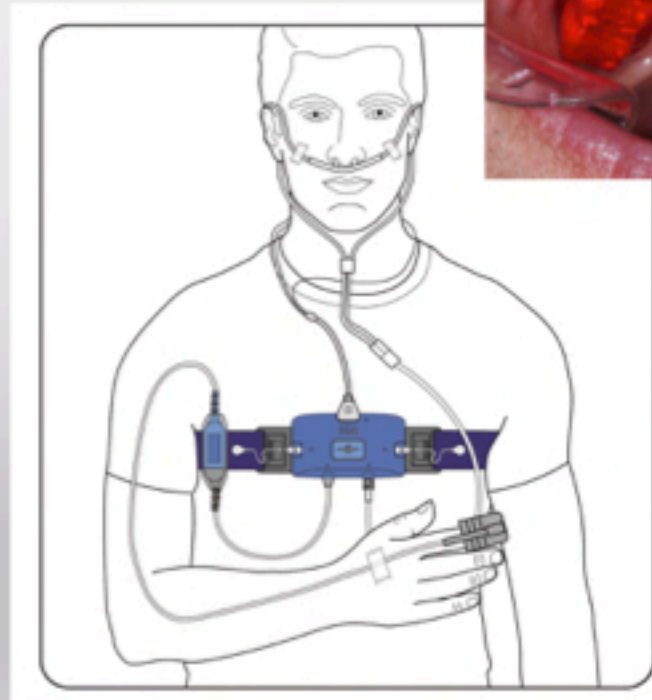
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+ Snore Lab

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sleep



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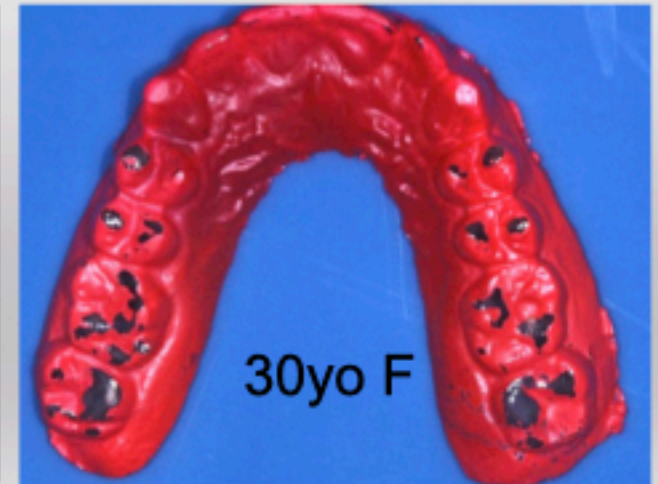
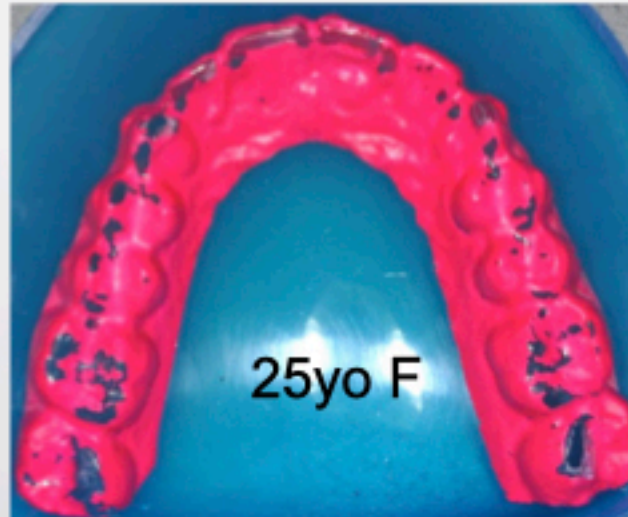


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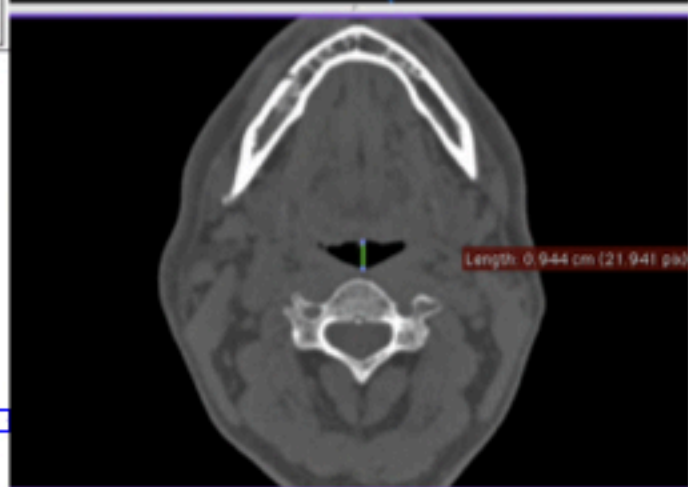
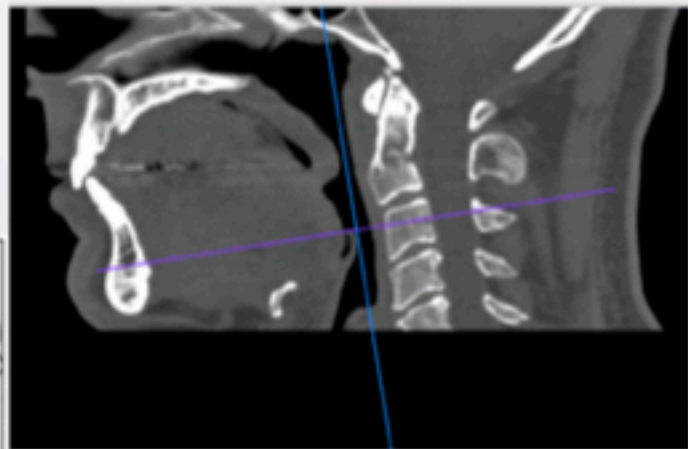
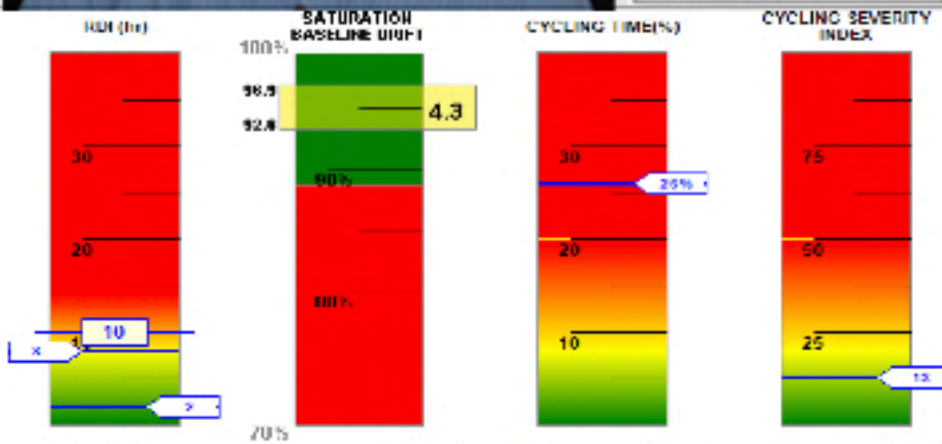
0.1mm Mylar



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Mild Obstructive Sleep Apnea



Referred to pulmonologist
Medical Sleep Study
PSG- Polysomnogram
RDI 10

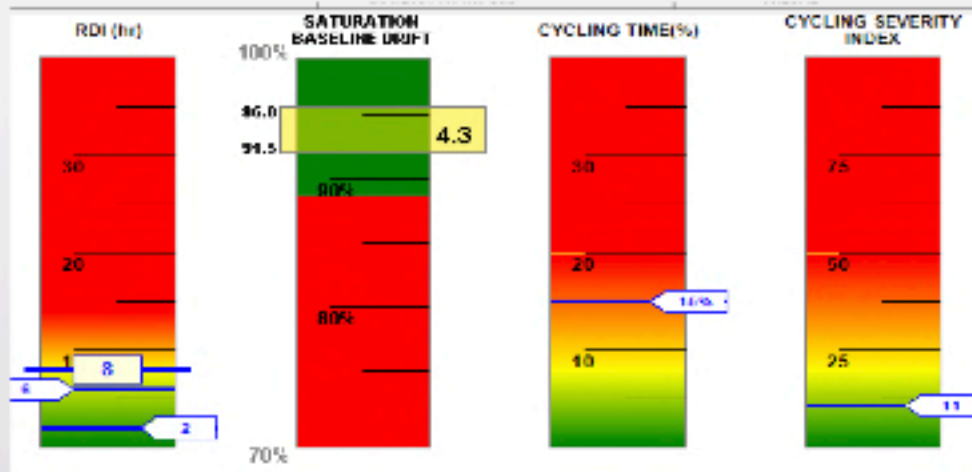


Home Sleep Airway Screening- RDI 10

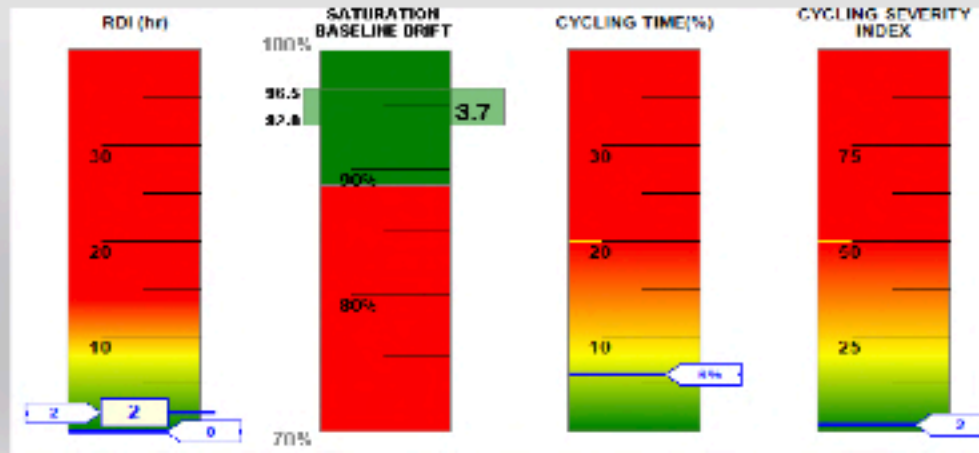
RDI= Respiratory Distress Index

Mild OSA = 5-15 Apnea/hr

MyTAP
Mandible
Advanced 4mm
RDI 8



MyTAP
Mandible
Advanced 5mm
RDI 2



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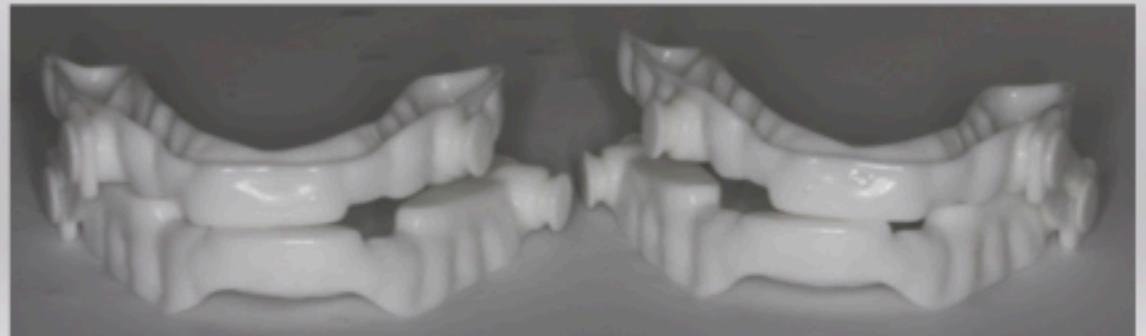
ArrowPath Sleep
Lat Brux
Lateral Bruxing Guard



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



Treating Common TMDs in a General Practice

Diagnosis

Sleep Grinding Airway Related

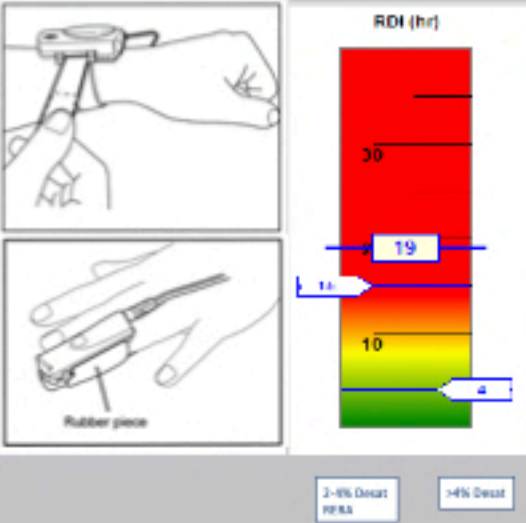
Pattern

Worn Teeth
Upper Airway Resistance

Management

Treatment

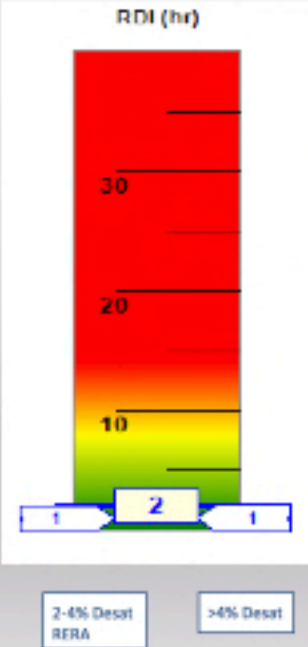
Mandibular Advancement
Appliance (after MD approves)



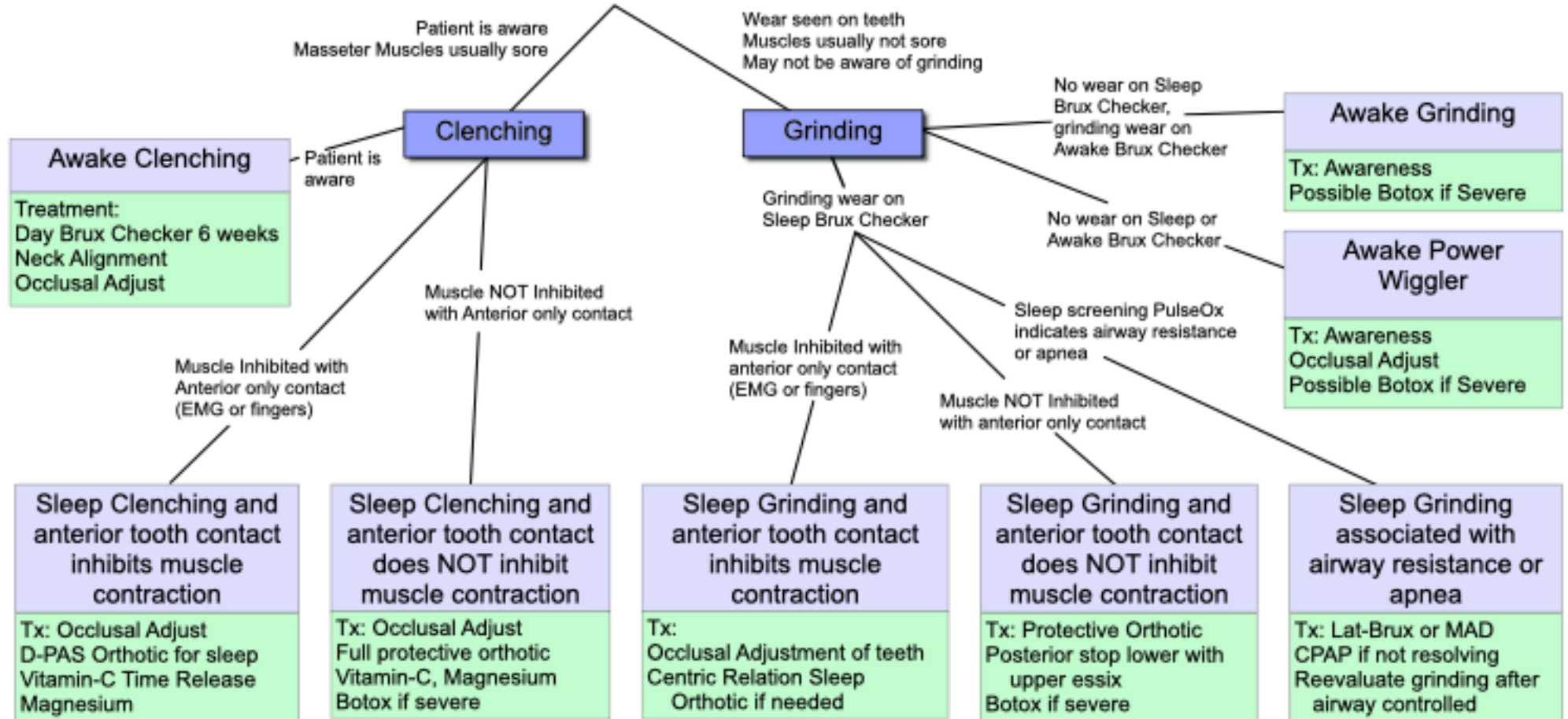
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Pulse Ox Screening
Refer to Medical Sleep Doctor
Get approval for Mandibular Advancement Appliance
Verify Airway Improves
19 events/hr before
2 events/hr with Orthotic

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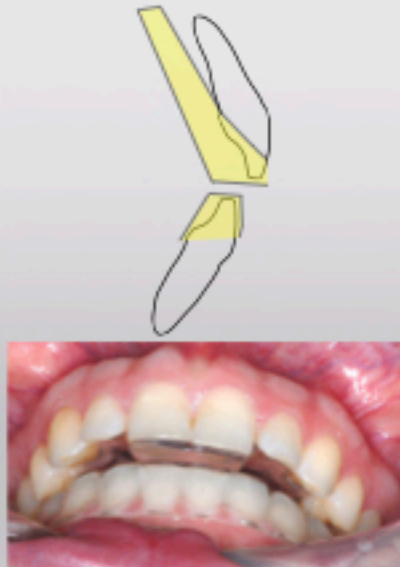
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Brux-PAS
with lower Essix



Hard Lower Posterior Stop
with upper essix



Hard Lower Full Coverage
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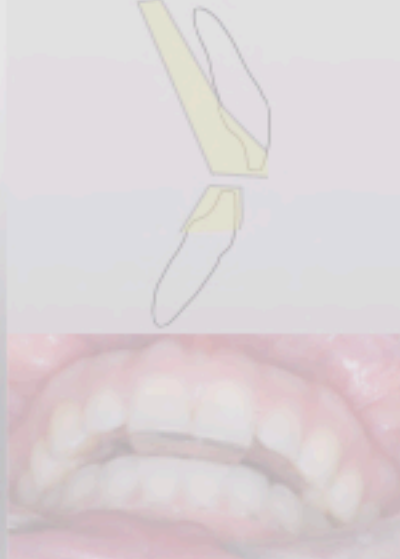
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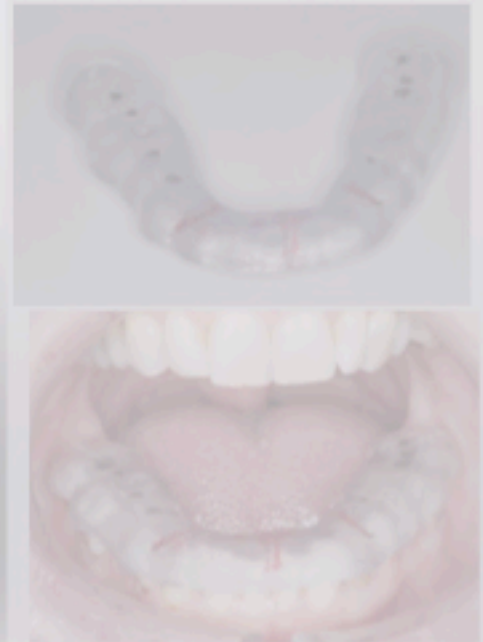


Everybody else

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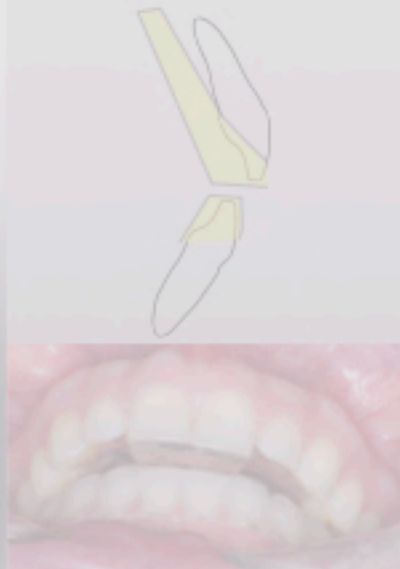
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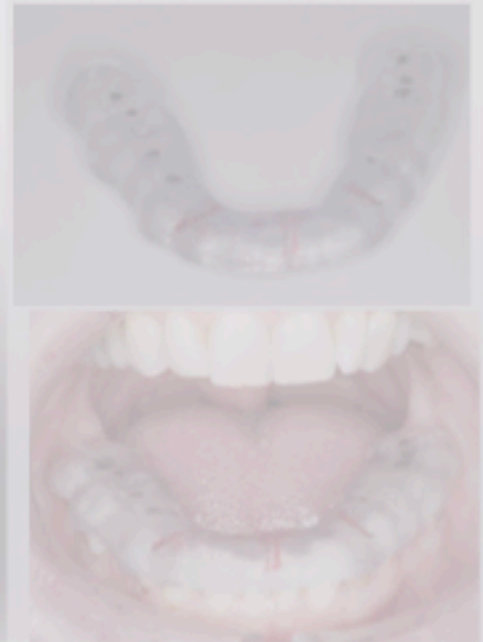


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Manage Sleep Clenching with anterior inhibition
To diagnose Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction



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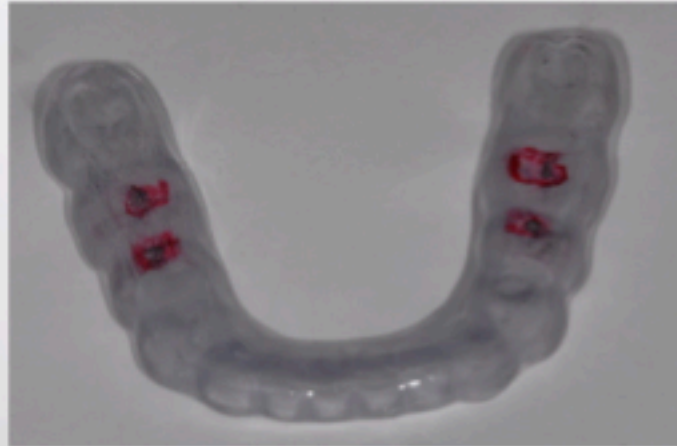
Sleep grinding with anterior inhibition
Sleep grinding with slight anterior inhibition
Sleep Clenching with only slight anterior inhibition
Power Wigglers: Grind Clench



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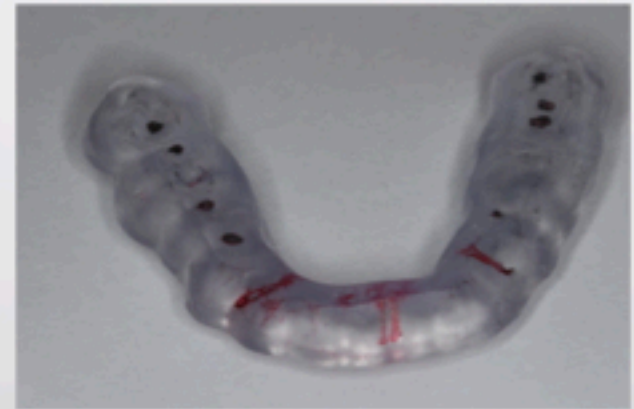
Sleep Clenching with NO anterior inhibition
Sleep Grinding with NO anterior inhibition



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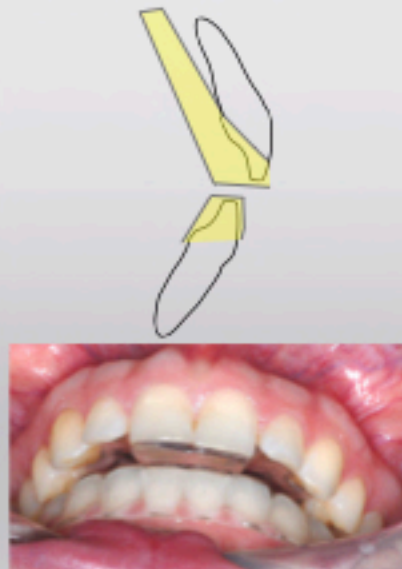
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