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Milestones



Visiting Faculty LD Pankey Institute 2008-

Visiting Faculty Spear Education 2013-2020

Visiting Faculty Orthodontic Program
Washington Hospital Center 2000-2012

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



Facial Pain Diagnosis

Diagnostic Tools

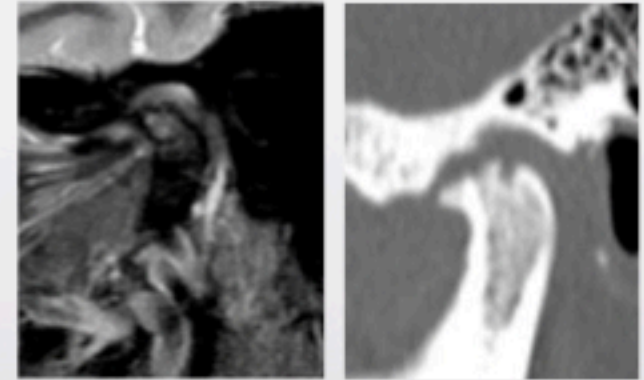
- 1 Written and Oral History
- 2 Observation
- 3 Physical Exam
 - Muscle Palpation
 - Joint Palpation
 - Joint Auscultation
 - Joint Motion
- 4 Anterior Stop Test
- 5 Sleep Airway Screening
- 6 CT Scan
- MRI
- Blood Tests

Biometrics

- Joint Vibration
- Jaw Tracker
- Electromyography
- T-Scan

- Occlusion: CR Mounted Study Models
- Complete Dental Exam
- Clinical Photographs
- Dx Blocks
- Dx Orthotics- Brux Checker, CR Orthotic

Patient Information
 Name: _____
 Date: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Referral: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Sex: _____
 Race: _____
 Ethnicity: _____
 Occupation: _____
 Allergies: _____
 Current Medications: _____
 Past Medical History: _____
 Past Surgical History: _____
 Social History: _____
 Family History: _____
 Review of Systems: _____
 Physical Examination: _____
 Head and Neck: _____
 Eyes: _____
 Ears: _____
 Nose: _____
 Throat: _____
 Neck: _____
 Heart: _____
 Lungs: _____
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 Extremities: _____
 Skin: _____
 Mucous Membranes: _____
 Neurological: _____
 Mental Status: _____
 Signature: _____
 Date: _____

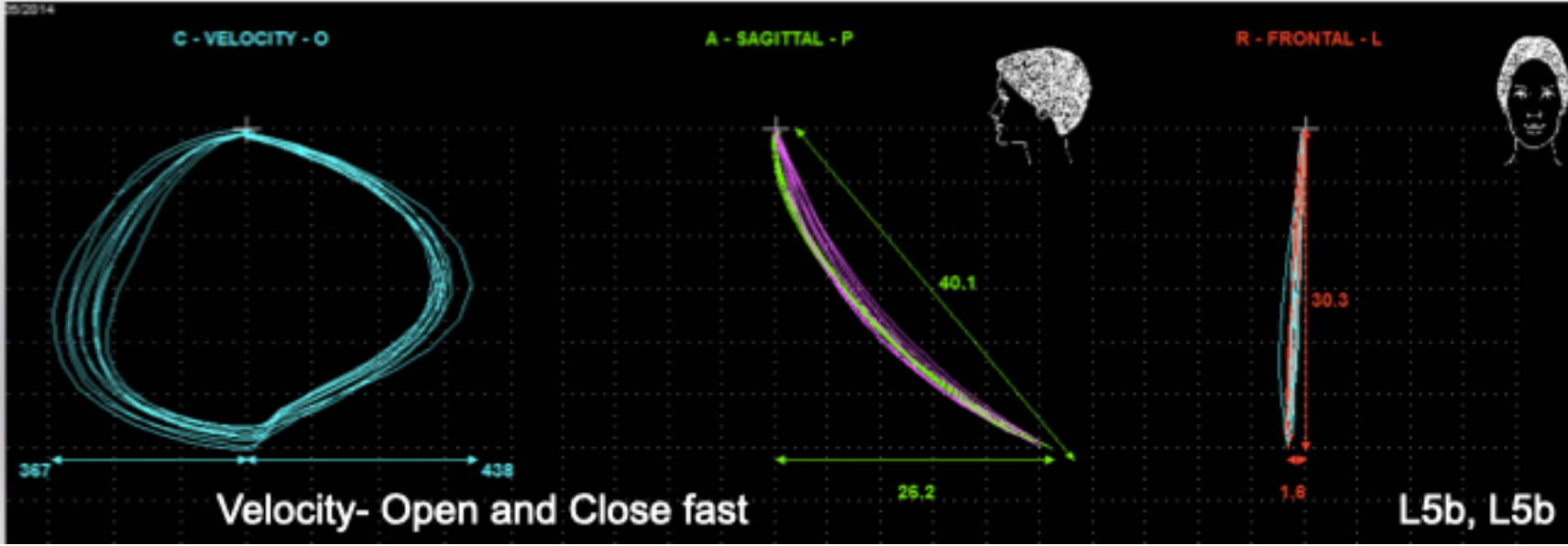
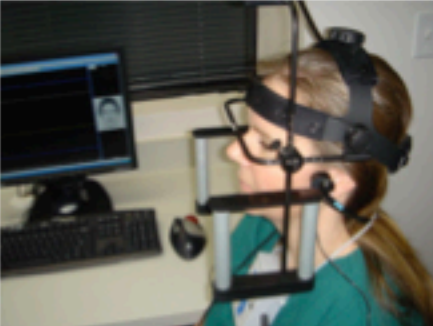


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 JVA EMG JT-3D T-Scan II

BioResearch Jaw Tracker

Normal TMJ- Motion

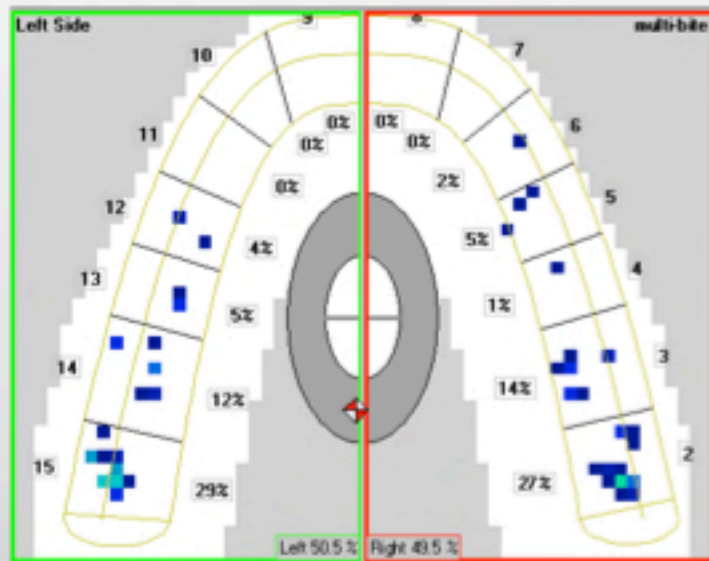
- ROM- 40-55mm
- Velocity 300+mm/sec
- Consistent arc open/close sagittal path
- Straight frontal path



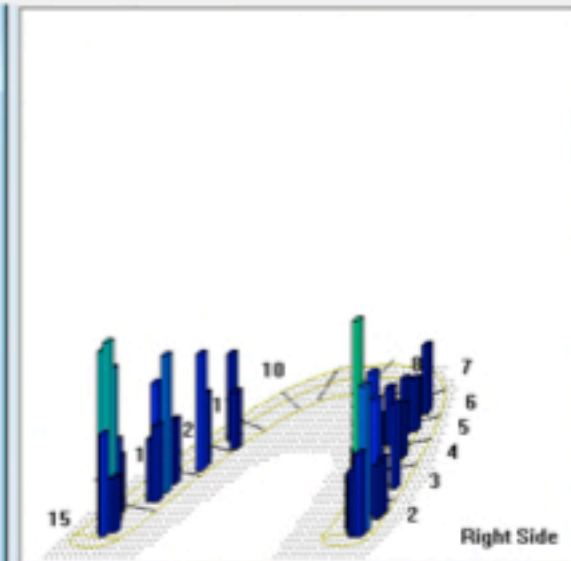


Time Force Graphic Representation of the Occlusion

T-Scan Gives you:
 Timing
 Intensity
 Location
 Distribution

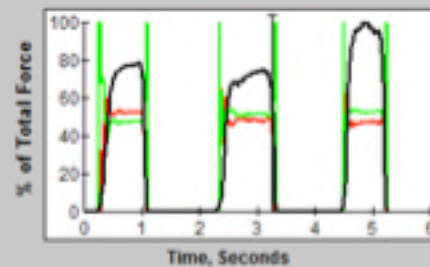


3.249 sec Force: 64.8 % of MMF



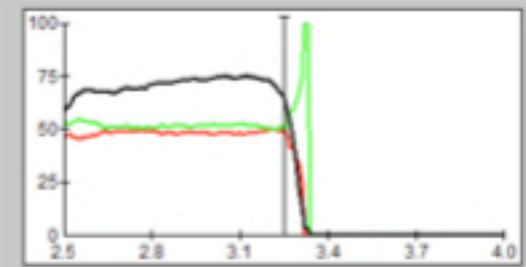
3.249 sec Force: 64.8 % of MMF

Graph - multi-bite



% of Max Movie Force (MMF)
 — F = 64.8 %
 3.249 sec (Time)
 — Left = 50.5 %
 — Right = 49.5 %

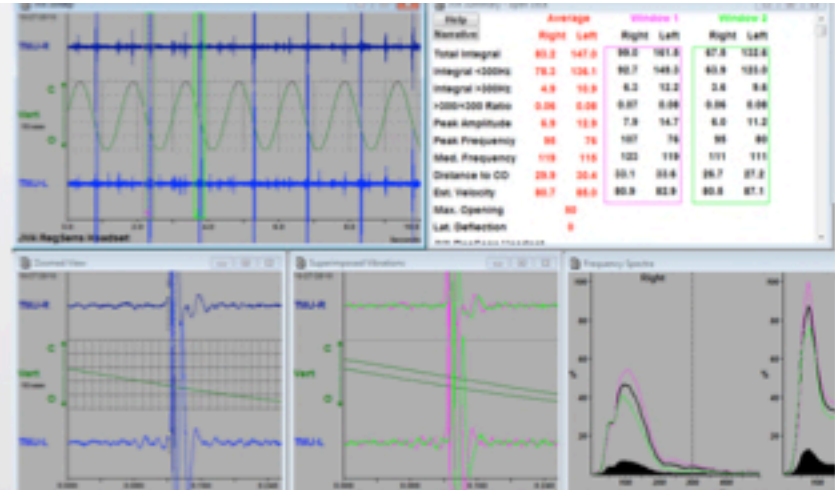
Zoom-Graph -



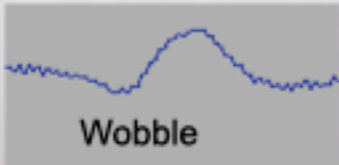
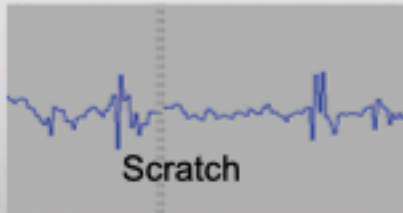
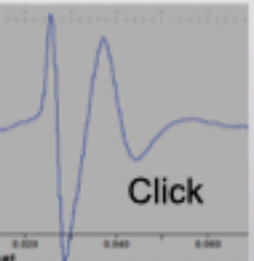
“Occlusion in Slow Motion”
 Regular 10 msec intervals
 Turbo 2.5 msec

Joint Vibration Analysis

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



Three main types of sounds



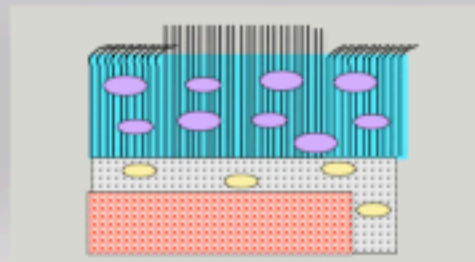
- Disc Reduction
- Disc Dislocation
- Adhesion crackle
- tooth tap

- Osteoarthritis
- Pseudo Disc
- Damaged Cartilage

- Disc Subluxation
- Joint Subluxation
- Disc Reduction
- Disc Dislocation

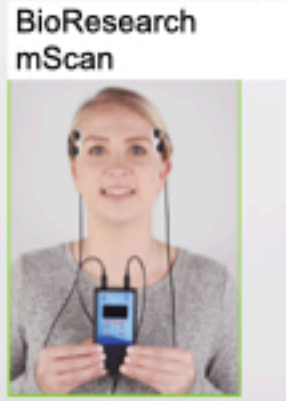
Based on Sonar.
It is not a microphone

JVA measures the health of the cartilage



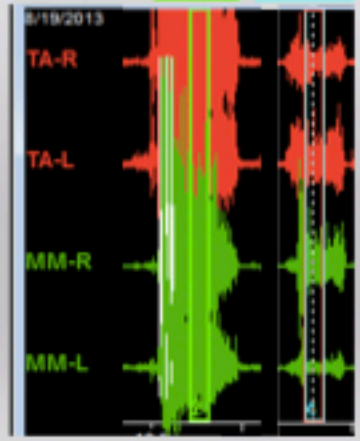
Are the TMJ muscles inhibited from full contraction with anterior only tooth contact?

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 μV	Anterior Stop D-PAS 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

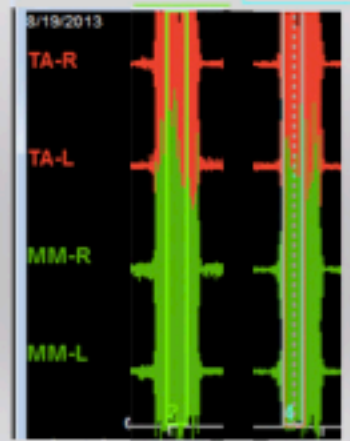


Major decrease in muscle power with D-PAS

BioResearch EMG

Another Patient with muscles NOT inhibited by anterior only contact

	Clench MaxIC μV	Anterior Stop D-PAS 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



Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop



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





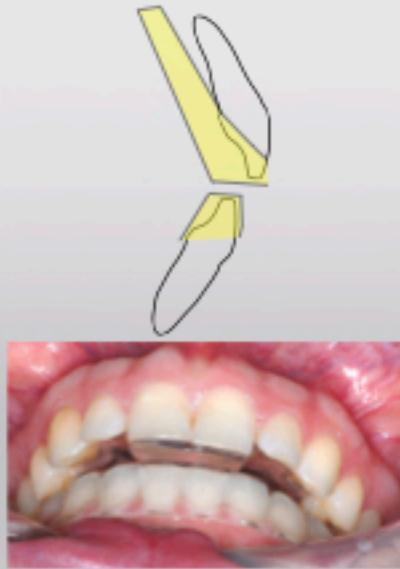
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3D Printed Orthotics

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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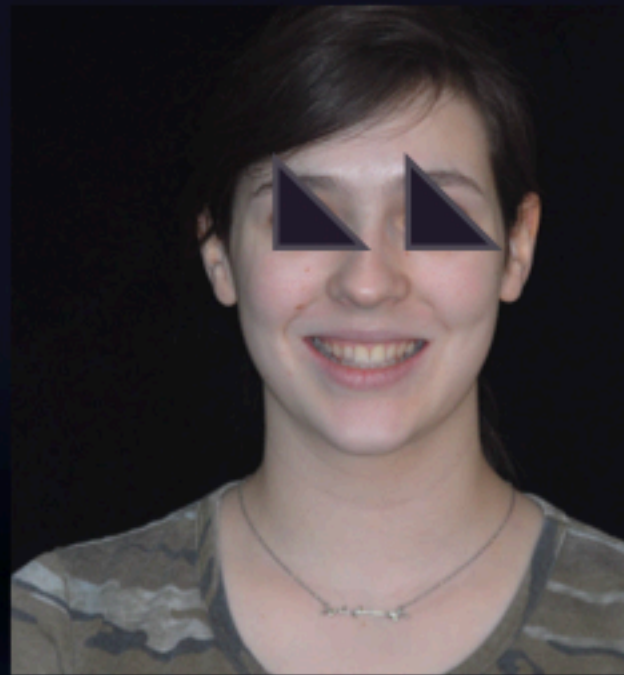
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Age 16

Jaw started clicking at age 13

Jaw now locking daily, jaw pain, difficulty chewing at age 16



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Age 13 Jaw clicking started on waking

Age 16 Jaw locking with pain

DDS Rx Flexeril

TMJ EXAM Preliminary

3-23-16

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Name EW

Age 16

DOB 2000

Dx Code R51 Facial Pain

Ears R N L N

Cranial nerves smell taste see hear

III, IV, VI WNL 3,4,6 eyes H

V WNL 9,10 gag, palate

VII WNL 11 SCM

12 move tongue

Tongue Size / Mobile MO SV

Cancer Palpation

Parotid WNL

Head and Neck WNL

Vascular BP, Pulse 111/65 P-98

Palpate Carotid, Fac, Temp WNL

Muscle Coord

Centric smooth

protrusive smooth

lateral smooth

Power weak

Masseter Better on cotton

Anterior Inhib Fair Inhibition

Joint Motion smooth RL

Subjective: Referred by DDS, Seattle. Jaw started clicking at age 13, clicking mostly in the morning. Age 14, woke up with right jaw locked, wiggled the jaw, jaw clicked and opened, there was no pain. Age 14-16 jaw locked occasionally, months between locking episodes. If she woke with the jaw locked, it would unlock in about a minute. Now jaw locks daily. Pain in the morning with the jaw locked. It is difficult to chew in morning, usually better by evening and can chew well. Longest period the jaw stayed locked was 12 hours. For past 3 months she has been taking cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril) 10mg every night, prescribed by her local DDS. Jaw still locks with the Flexeril. Sometimes takes melatonin to help fall asleep. Epworth 0. As child, mom heard her grind her teeth. She is not aware of grinding or clenching. When jaw is unlocked, no pain. Has 6 headaches per year, frontal area. No family history Rheumatoid Arthritis. No past orthodontics. Jaw locks up easier if laying on back. Past conservative treatments attempted: Medication flexeril for past 3 months.

Objective: Right TMJ locking, wiggle to open, 53+3, early click, loud. Doppler left TMJ crepitus.

Assessment: Right TMJ locking. Right and Left TMJ damage, moderate/severe mechanical dysfunction. Myalgia neck muscles, possible atlas subluxation. Parafunctional clenching.

Plan: CBCT and MRI of the TMJ. Review Scans with patient and decide next step. Rule out pathology in TMJ and surrounding tissues. Determine extent of joint damage. Evaluate for surgical and non-surgical options.

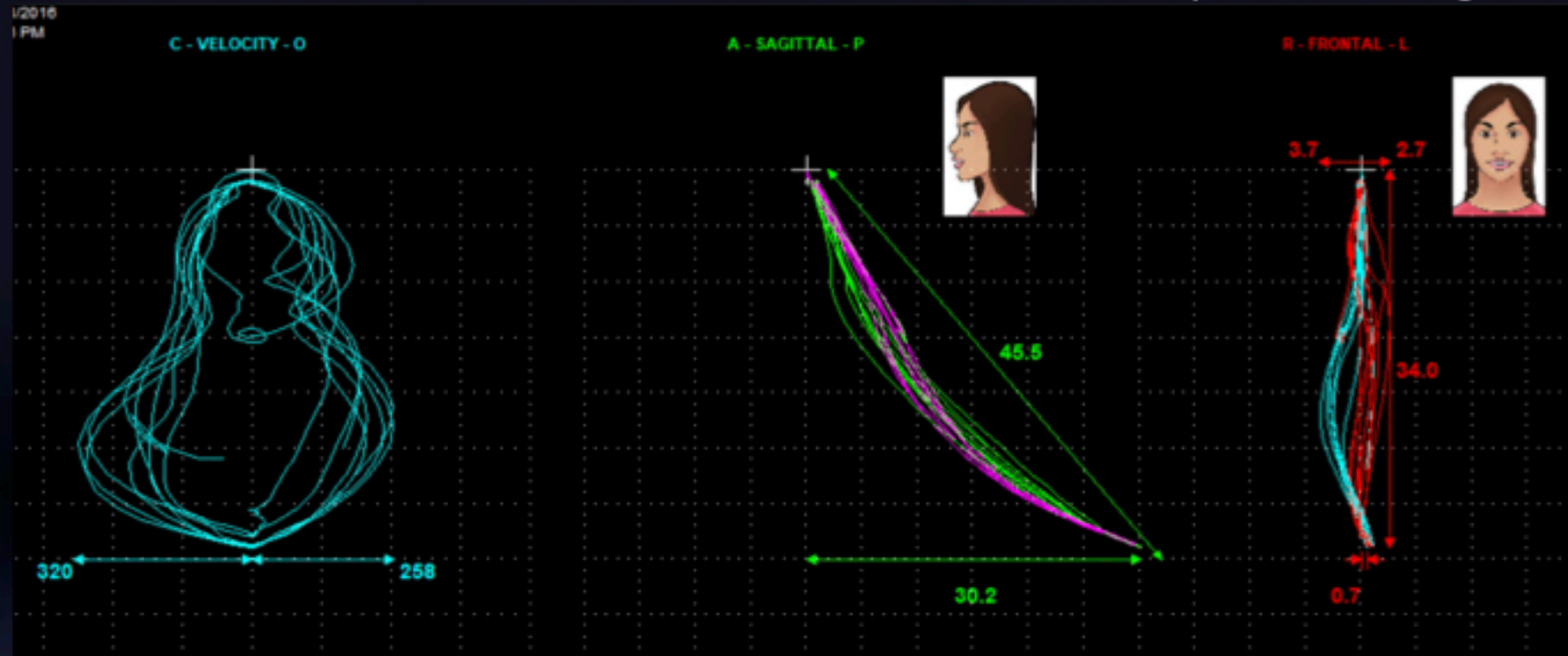
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BioResearch Jaw Tracker: Velocity

“Jaw Gymnastics” to open and close

Inconsistent Velocity

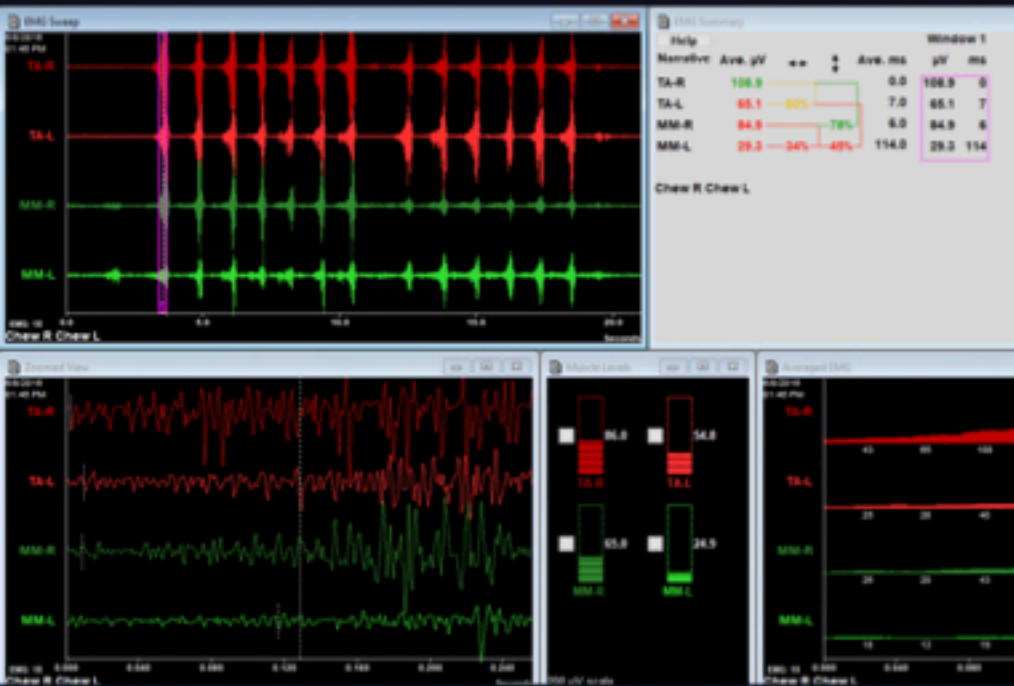
Inconsistent / Deviated Open and Closing Path



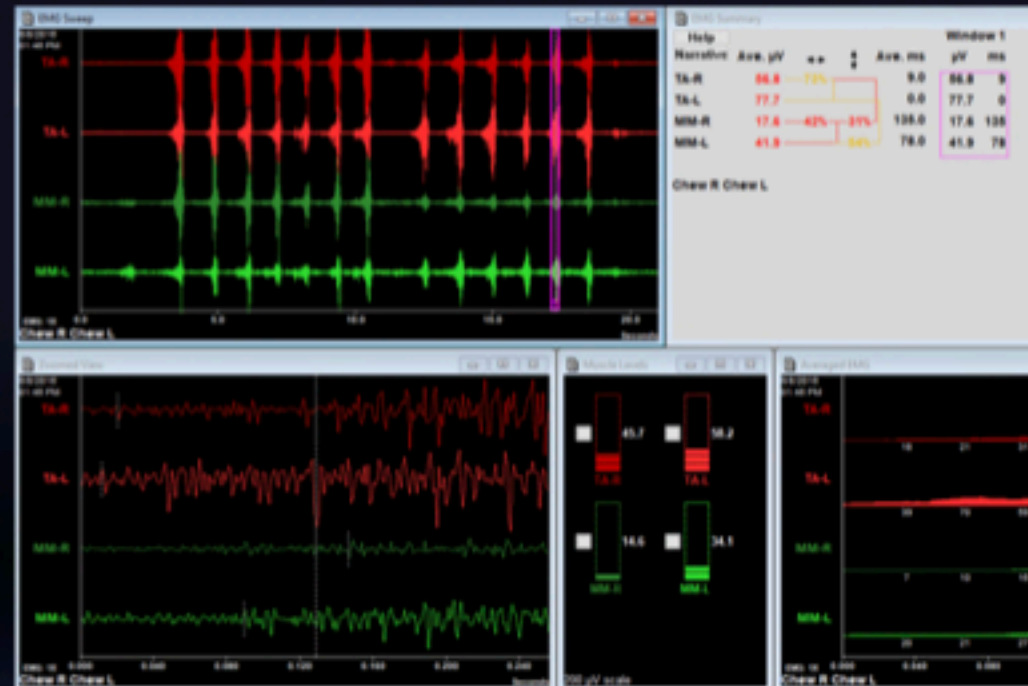
EMG Chewing

Chew gum 6x on right followed by 6x on left

Chew Right- Temporalis Dominate

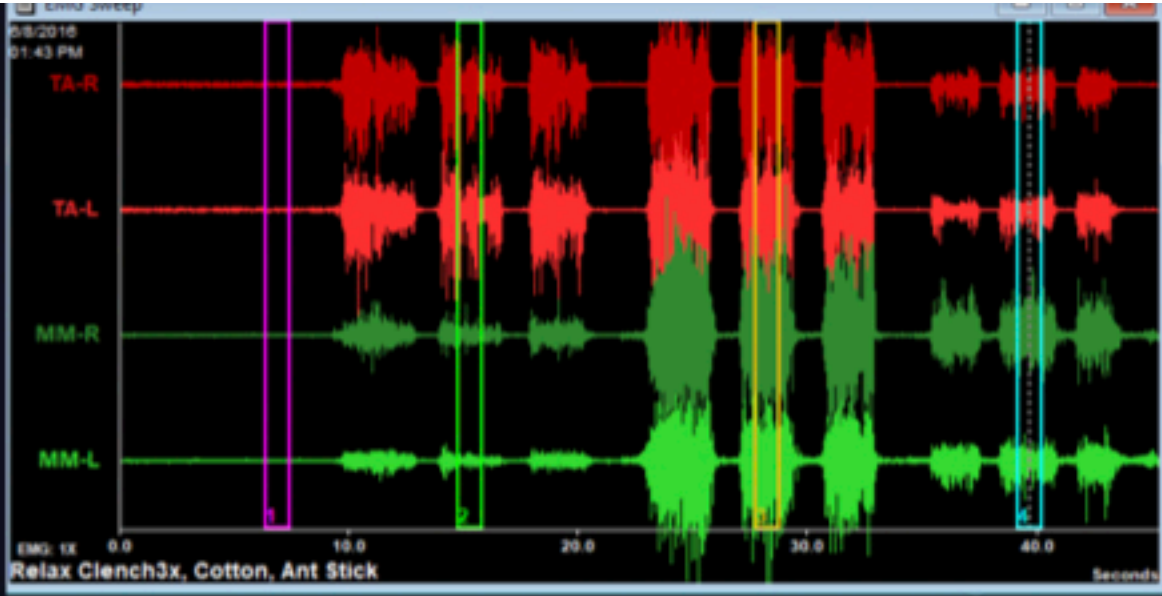


Chew Left- Temporalis Dominate



Age 16
EMG Relax Clench Test-

1. Relax- RL Temporalis not relaxing
2. Clench Teeth- Very Weak RL Massters
3. Clench Cotton- RL Masseters Strong
4. Anterior Clench- Good muscle inhibition

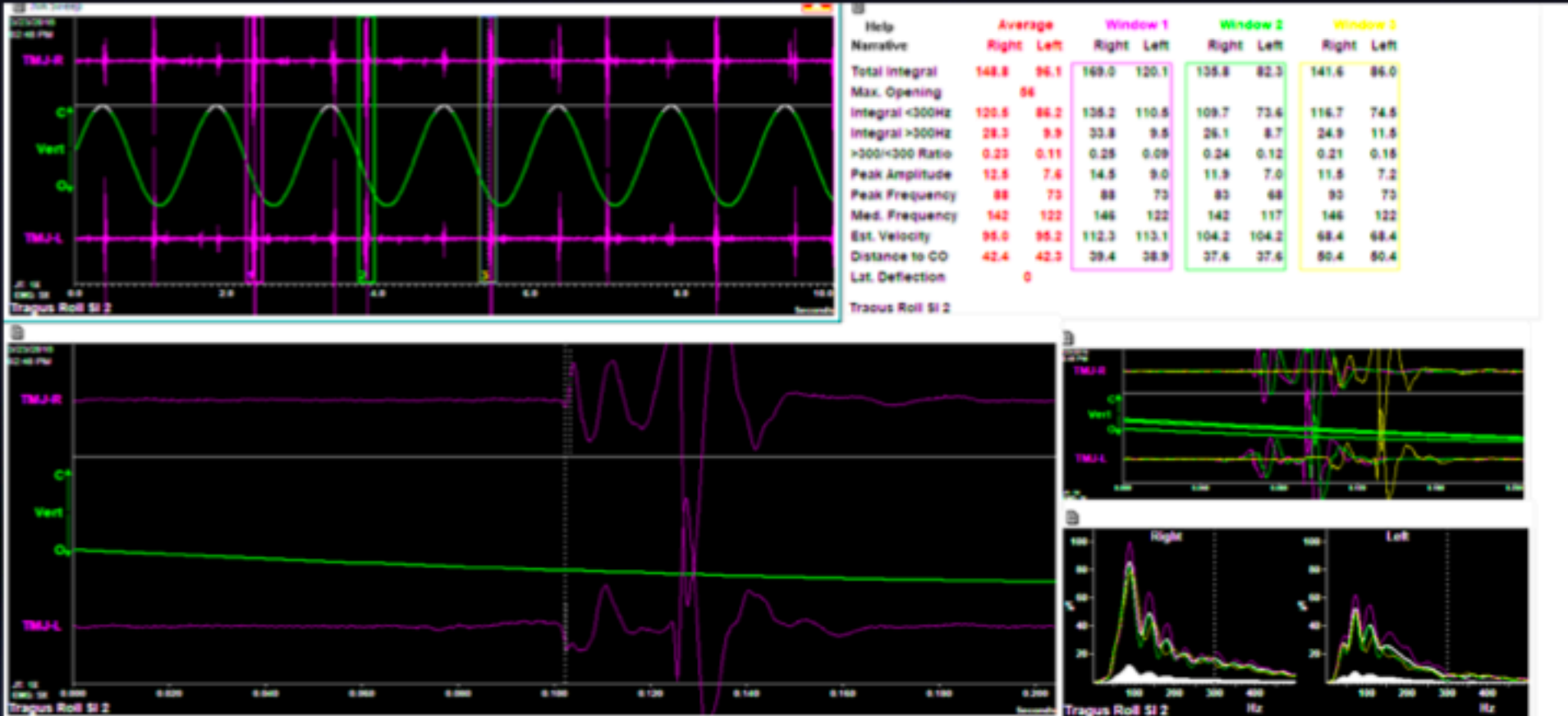


Help				Window 1		Window 2		Window 3		Window 4		
Narrative	Ave. μ V	\leftrightarrow	\updownarrow	Ave. ms	μ V	ms	μ V	ms	μ V	ms	μ V	ms
TA-R	26.8	91%	68%	16.0	2.7	--	29.6	20	58.4	0	16.7	28
TA-L	29.4			25.0	2.6	--	33.5	0	65.8	0	15.5	75
MM-R	39.5			76.0	1.7	--	11.2	227	100.0	1	45.0	0
MM-L	26.7	68%	91%	11.0	1.9	--	6.9	--	74.3	1	23.6	21

Age 16

Joint Vibration Analysis

Early opening click vibration Right and Left TMJ, Complex : 148 Pa

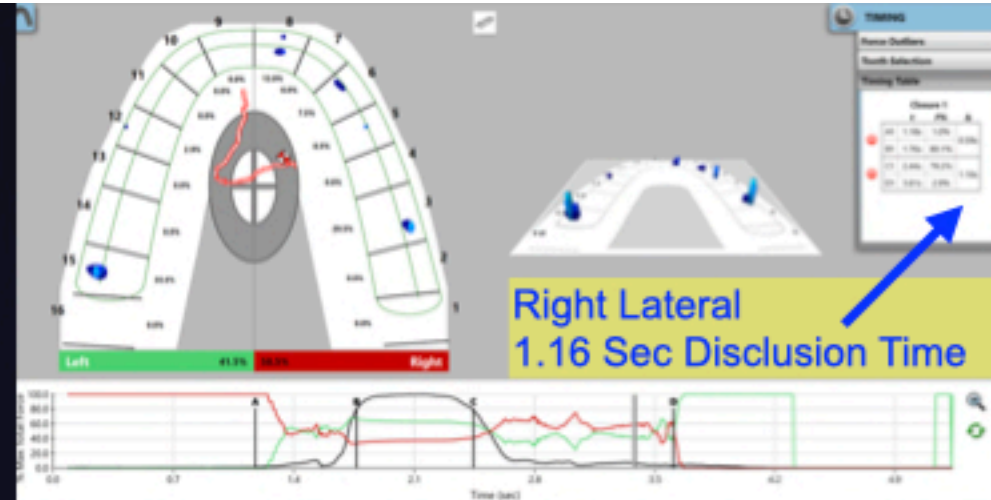


Start Occlusion TekScan

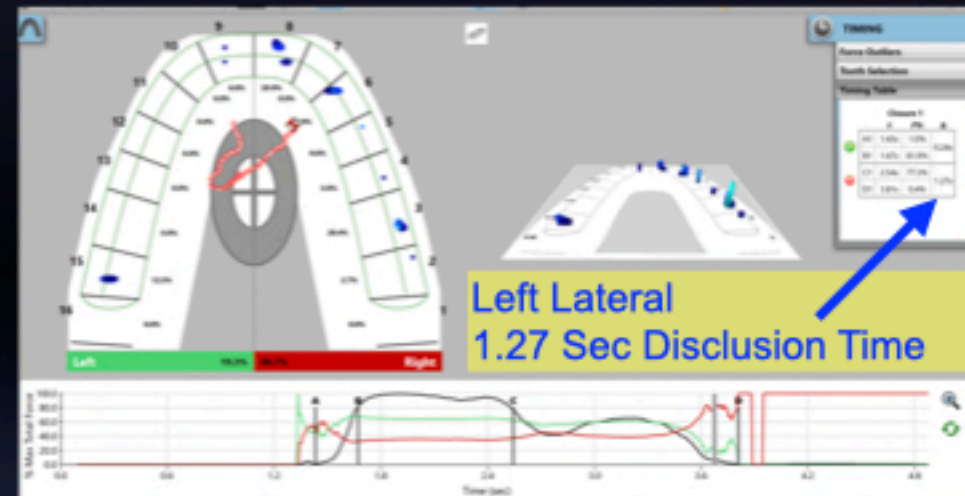
Max Intercuspation Force

Right 41.1%

Left 58.9%



Right Lateral
1.16 Sec Disclusion Time



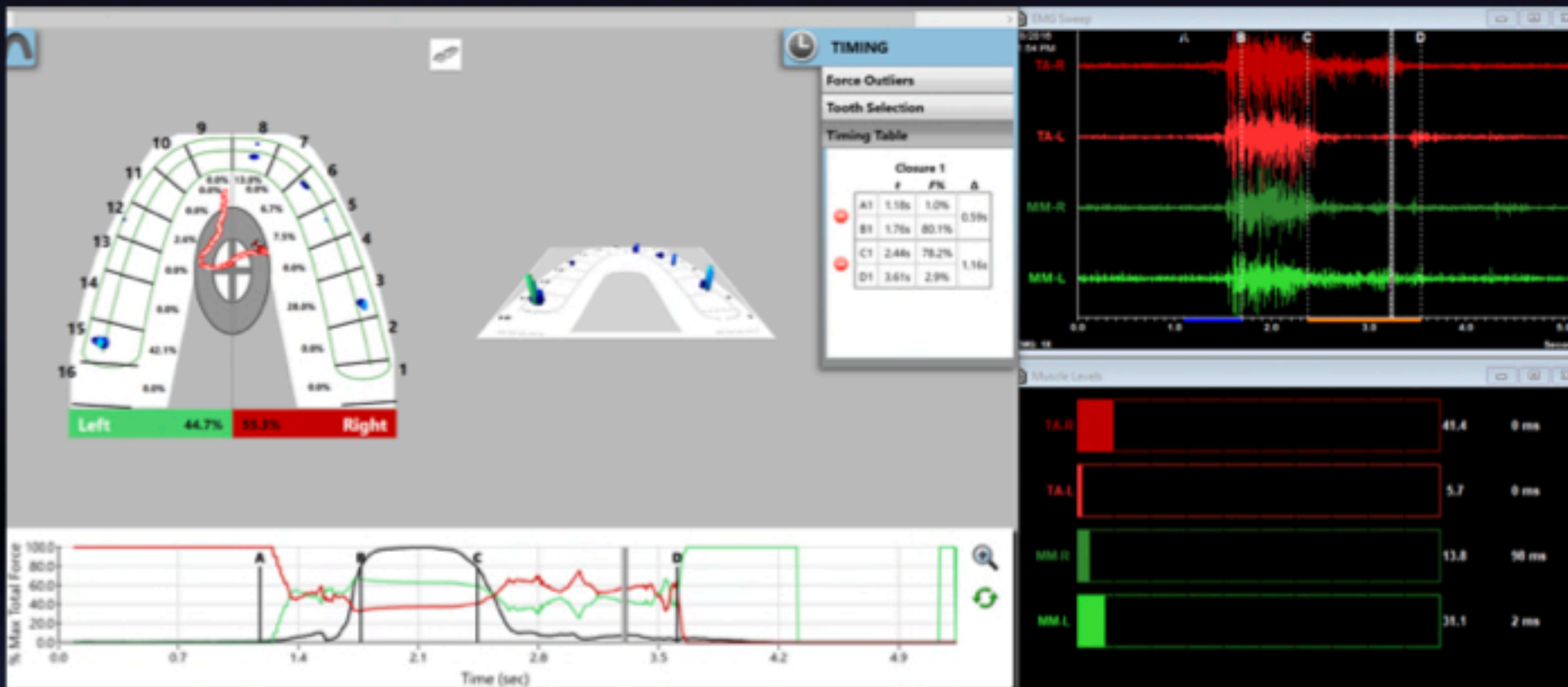
Left Lateral
1.27 Sec Disclusion Time

Muscle harmony occurs when
disclusion is less than 0.4 seconds

Tek Scan EMG Link

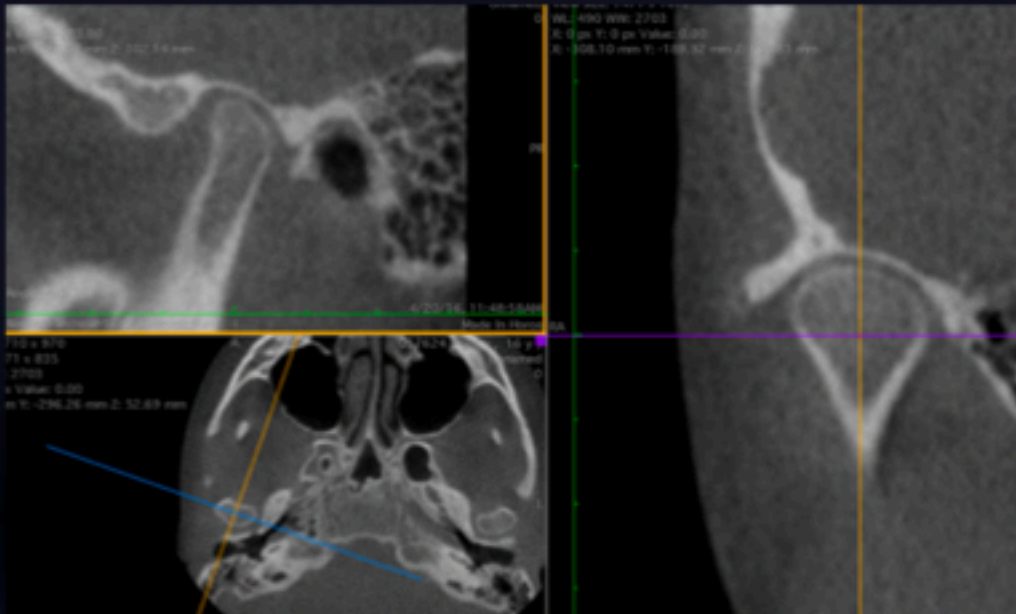
Right Lateral Excursion

At 0.9 seconds still has posterior contacts
Right Temporalis and Left Masseter still contracting

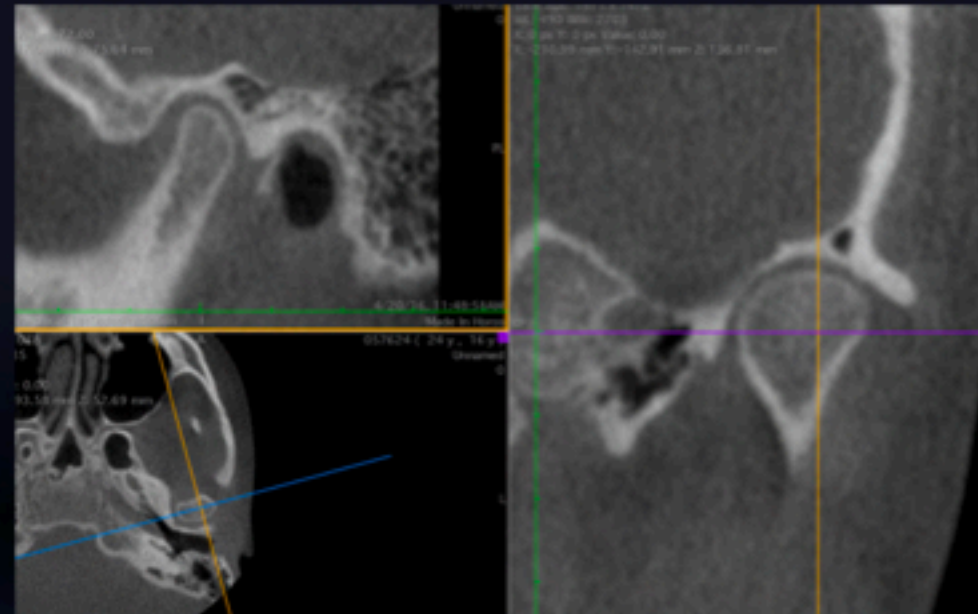


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CBCT
Right TMJ

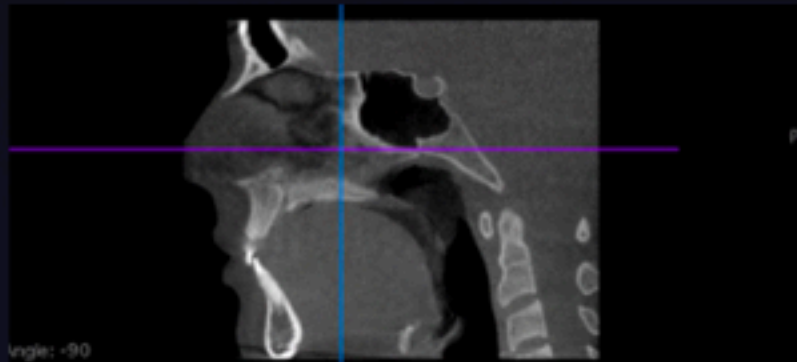


CBCT
Left TMJ



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CBCT Sinus Airway



Angle: -90

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Non-Hierarchical-1stOrderPrediction

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057624 (24 y, 16 y)

1 x 835

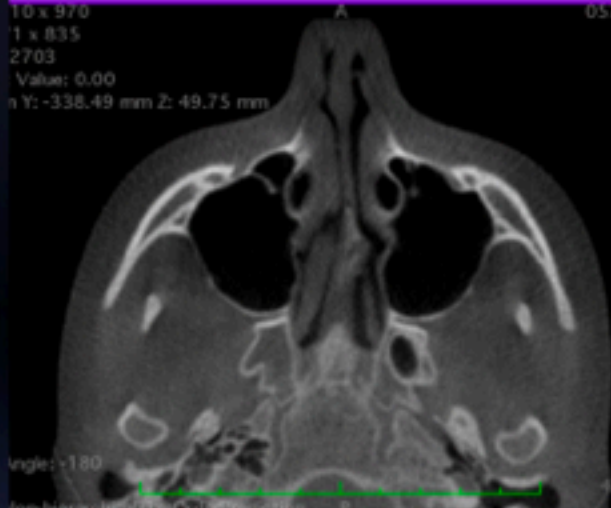
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Value: 0.00

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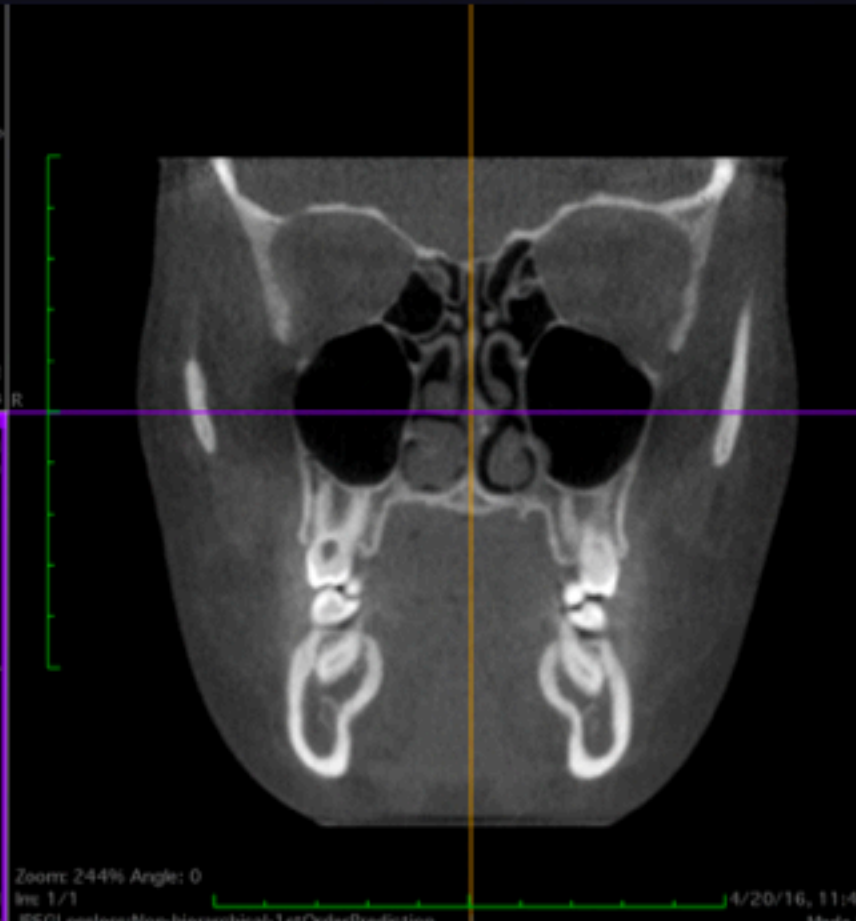


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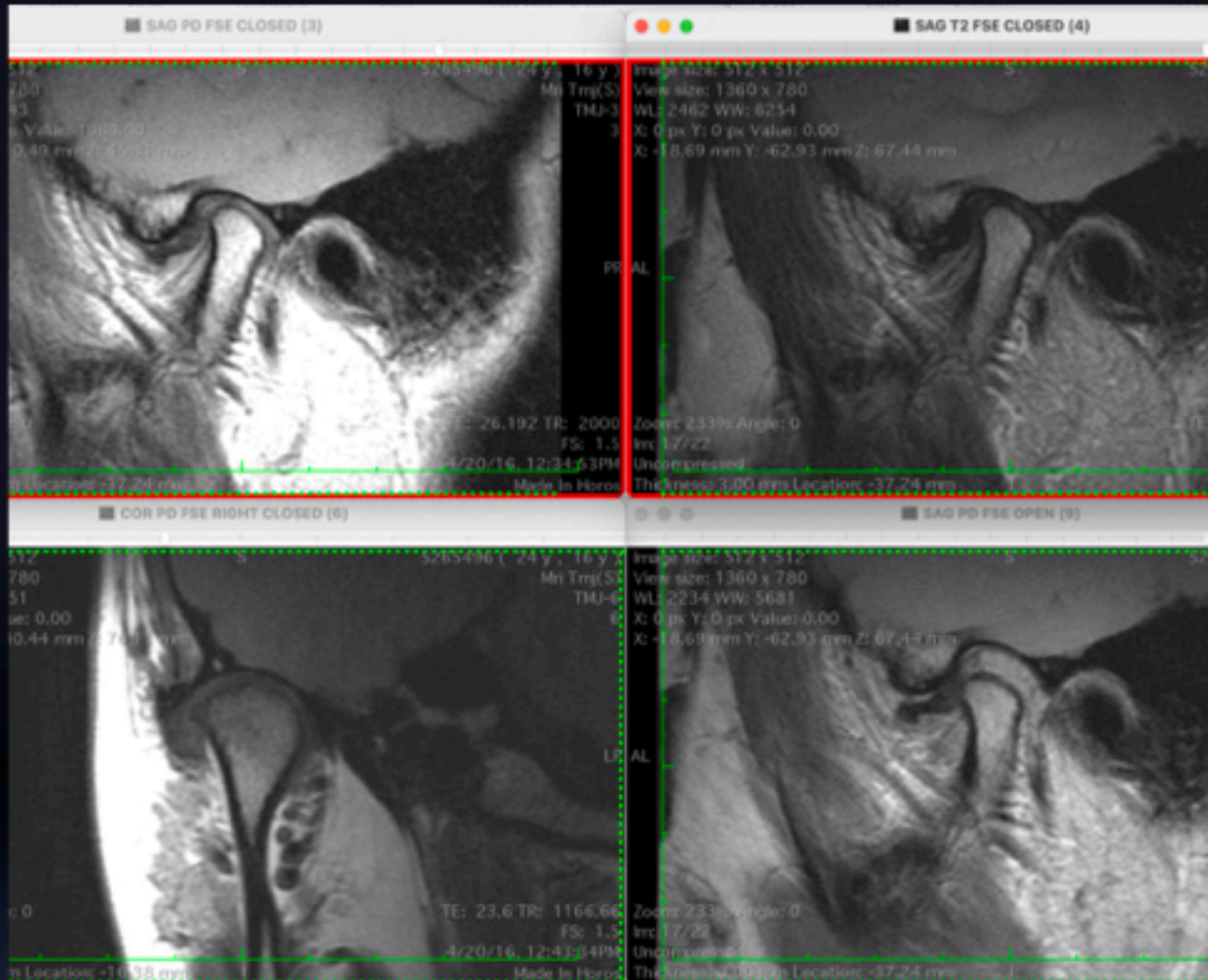
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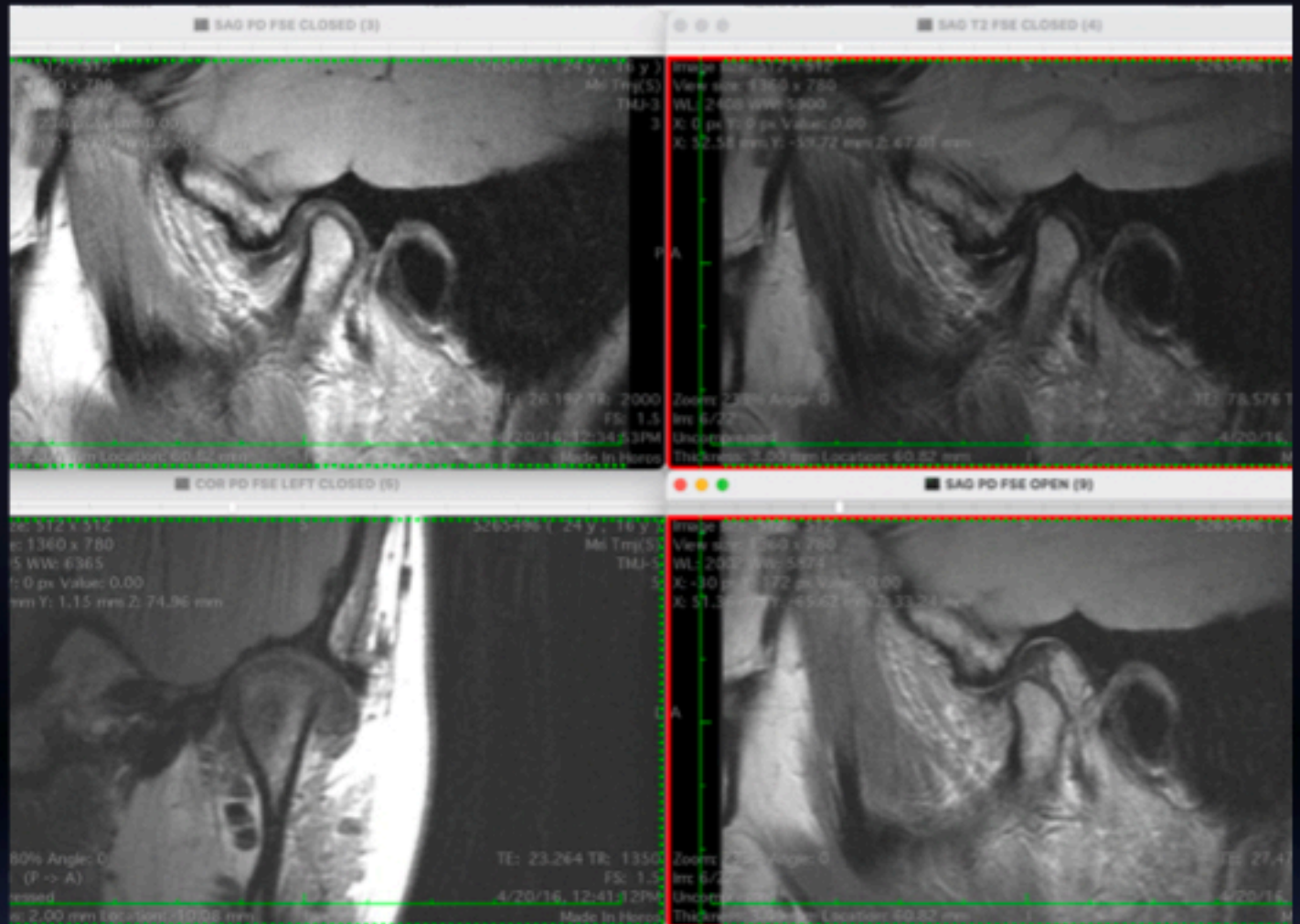
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MRI
Right TMJ
Piper 4b/a
Anterior Lateral



Age 16

MRI
Left TMJ
Piper 4a
Anterior Lateral



Age 16

MRI Radiologist Report

Right Piper 4b/a Anterior Lateral
Left Piper 4a Anterior Lateral
Bone Marrow is normal

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Procedure: MRI TMJ(S)
Exam Date & Time: Wed Apr 20, 2016 12:59 PM
Accession #: 005656001
Reason For Exam: Pt states persistent bilateral tmj pain with locking

MRI TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINTS - 4/20/2016

HISTORY: TMJ pain and locking

TECHNIQUE: Multi-plane and multi-sequence MR imaging of the temporomandibular joints was performed with a 1.5 Tesla magnet. Open and closed mouth images were obtained. There are no prior studies for direct comparison.

FINDINGS: The left disc is anteriorly dislocation and the right disc is anteriorly dislocated on the closed mouth images. With opening, there is recapture on the left but no recapture on the right. Limited anterior excursion is noted with opening. No evidence of fracture or stress fracture is seen. A small amount of fluid is present around both discs but no inflammatory pannus formation in the condylar fossa region. No significant subchondral degenerative changes are seen in the condyles at this time. On the coronal images, the disc material is laterally positioned bilaterally.

IMPRESSION: Findings are consistent with Piper Stage 4A-L on the left and Piper Stage 4B-L on the right.

Thank you for referring your patient to our center.


Age 16

My CBCT and MRI Interpretation

Right and Left condyles Good size and shape
Right and Left condyles Distalized

Right Piper 4b/a Anterior Lateral
Left Piper 4a Anterior Lateral
Bone Marrow is normal

Review of Scans

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Name **EW**
4/20/2016
Age 16
Diagnostic M24.38 Closed Lock Codes

Right TMJ
MRI 4b/a Piper
Disc Anterior Lateral Disc Position Large Disc Size
Condyle Distalized
T2 -- Marrow is normal
CT Good condylar size Good shape Cortex intact
Condyle Distalized
Fossa
Right TMJ Health Status
Structurally Unpredictable Estimate

Left TMJ
MRI 4a Piper
Disc Normal Disc Size This posterior band
Condyle Divided
T2 -- Marrow is normal
CT Good condylar size Good shape Cortex intact
Condyle Divided
Fossa
Left TMJ Health Status
Structurally Stable Estimate

CT Neck Atlas Inconclusive
Styloid Process Normal Cervical Bone Normal Cortex

Summary and Recommendations
Note: Right TMJ is locking.
MRI/CT Scan Summary: L4a thin disc, R4b/a thick posterior band, large disc size. Left TMJ damage appears to be older injury. Both joints damaged after puberty.
Working Diagnosis: Damage Left and Right TMJ. Left TMJ favorably adapted, Right TMJ adapting unfavorably. Right TMJ disc locking. Significant jaw dysfunction due to right TMJ locking, affecting jaw motion, chewing.
Risk of Avascular Necrosis if right TMJ locks for extended period of time.

Teeth Together MR Yes CT Yes

CT
Brain Even Tissue Pattern
Muscles Even Tissue Pattern
Glands
Sinus Muc thickened lining
Nasal
Airway
Nasal Restricted
Teeth
No Periapical Pathosis

Piper Disc Classification
0 Normal
1 Damaged Collage Struck/den ligaments
2 Normal Disc position
3a Partial Disc subluxation Disc indents on opening
3b Partial Disc subluxation Disc Non-Fluctuating
4a Full Disc Dislocation Disc indents on opening
4b Full Disc Dislocation Disc Non-Fluctuating
5a Bone to bone contact

Group Discussions:

**Could anything have been done at age 13:
Jaw clicking on waking?**

**What are the options now at age 16:
Jaw locking daily, jaw pain, difficulty chewing at age 16?**



Know Yourself

Know Your Work



Know Your Patient

Apply Your Knowledge

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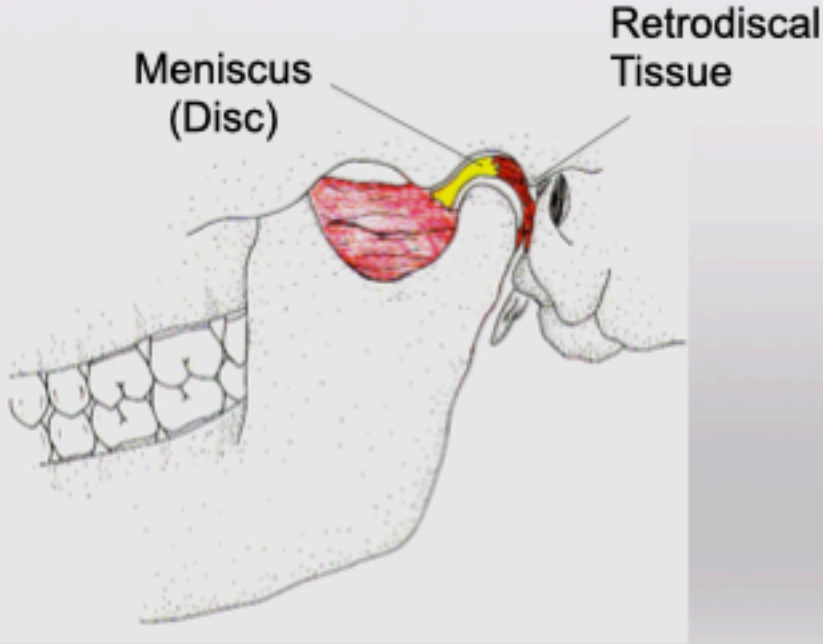
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A joint joins two bones that allows movement between the two bones

TMJ has 2 Joint Compartments:

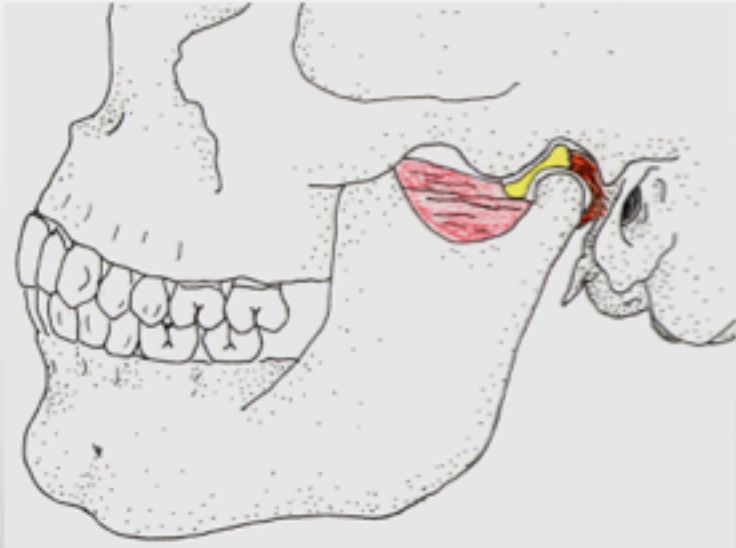
- Upper- Translation
- Lower- Rotation



Rotate
Slide
Pivot

Solid end point closing
Ligamentous end point opening

The Temporomandibular Joint



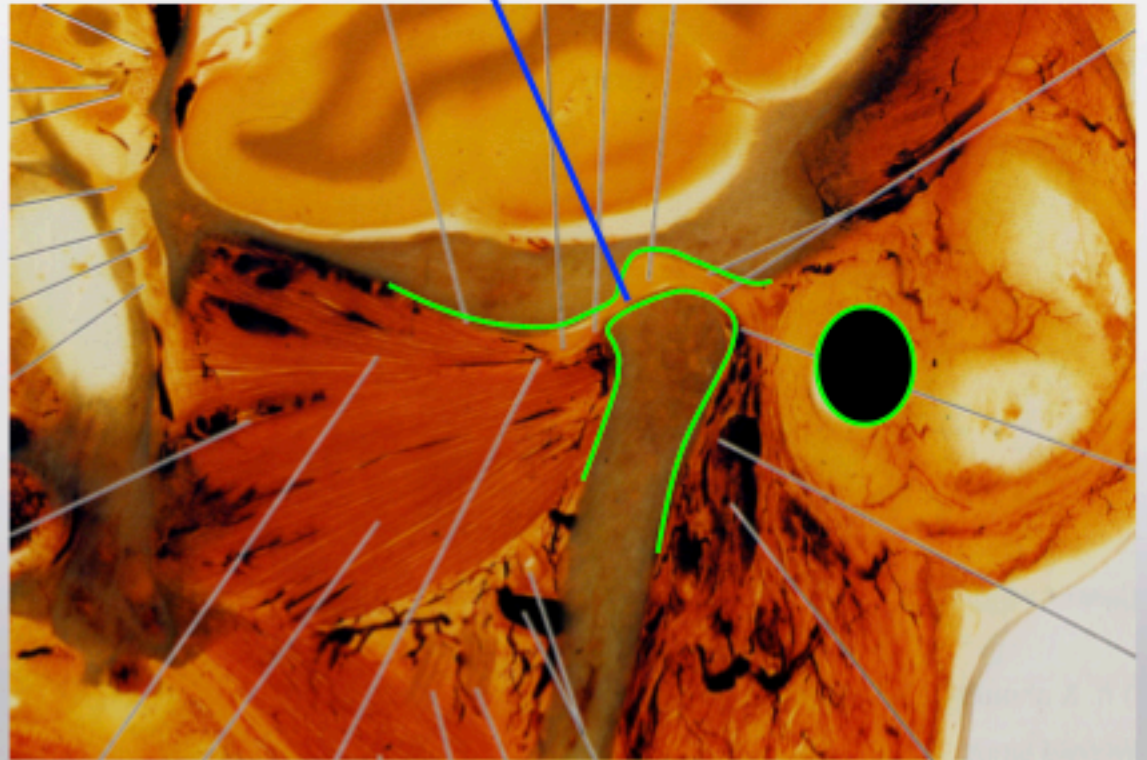
Ear

Sideways "S" Fossa

Condyle

Disc- Thick Thin Thick

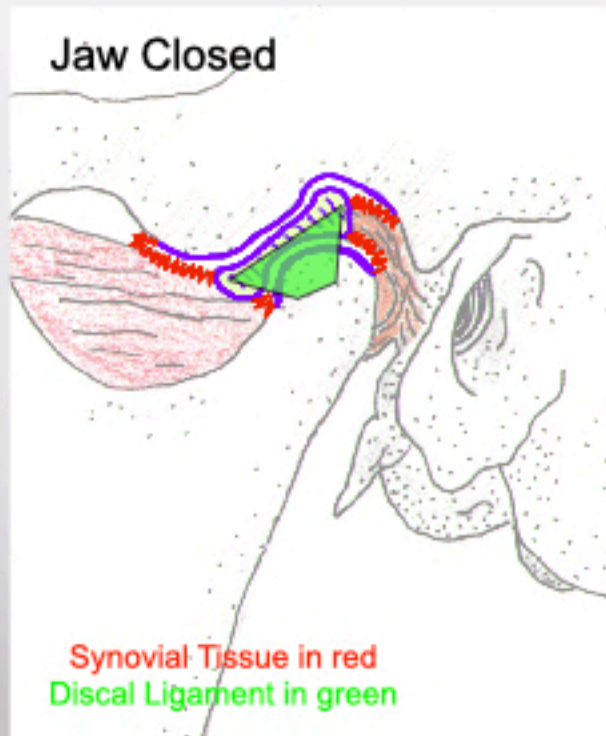
Disc: Thick-Thin-Thick



Oblique Sagittal View
Romrell, Mahan



Normal TMJ



Discal Ligaments attach Disc to
Condyle

Synovial Tissue

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

Disc viewed from above

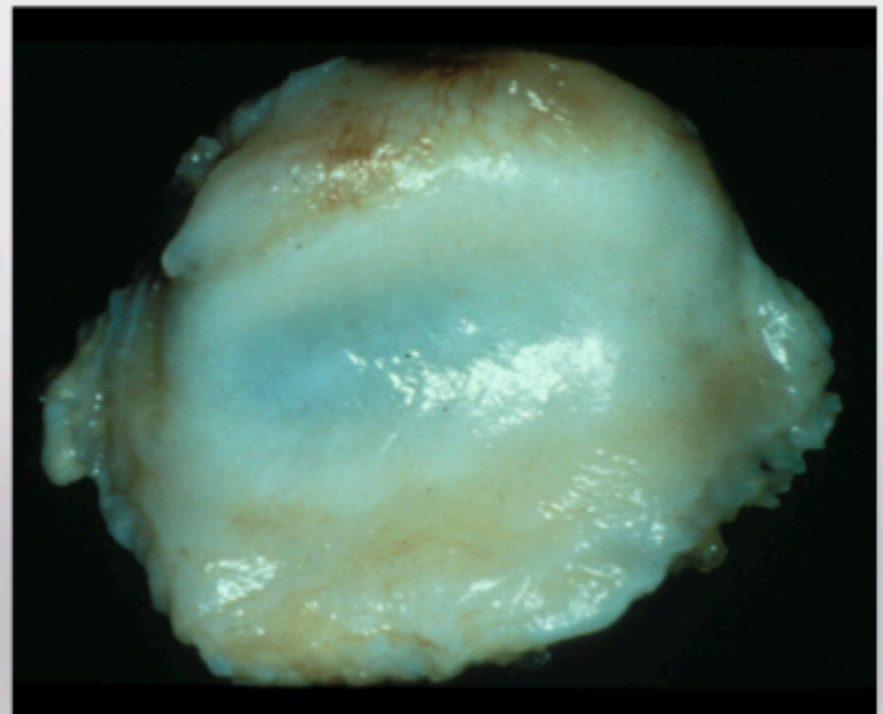
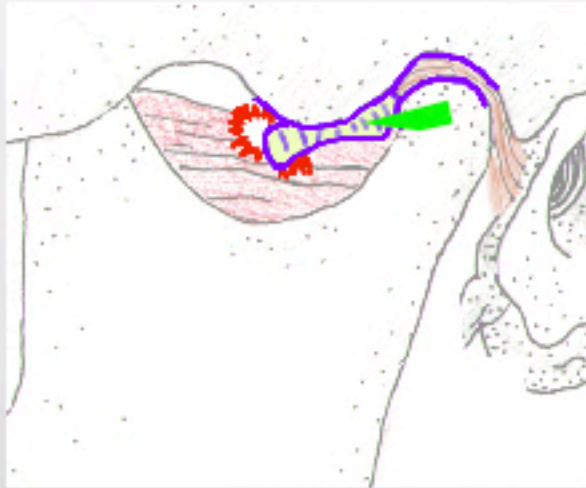


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Damaged TMJ- Anteriorly Dislocated Disc



Torn or stretched Meniscal ligaments

Anterior Dislocated Disc

Damaged Synovium

Retrodiscal Tissue pulled up and over the condyle

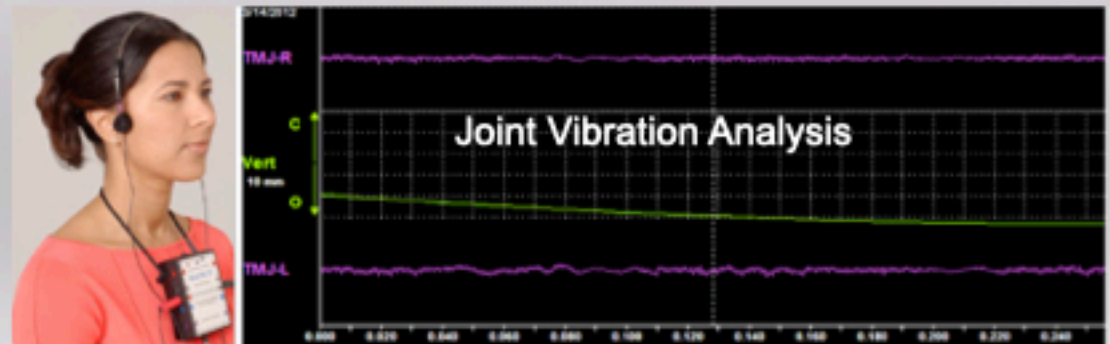
Retrodiscal tissue in direct contact with fibrocartilage

Major Increase in friction

Retrodiscal tissue adapts into fibrous "pseudodisc"

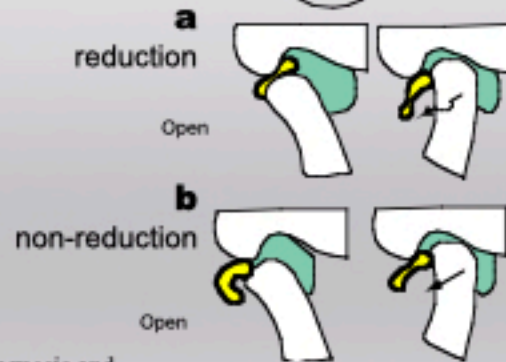
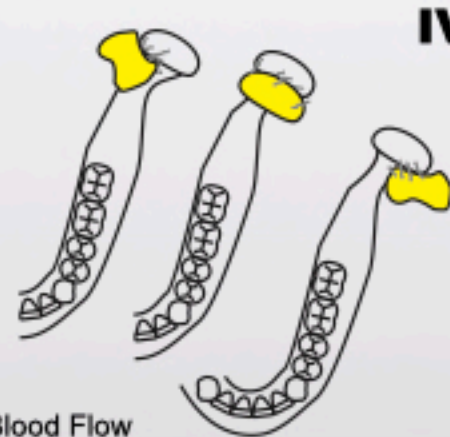
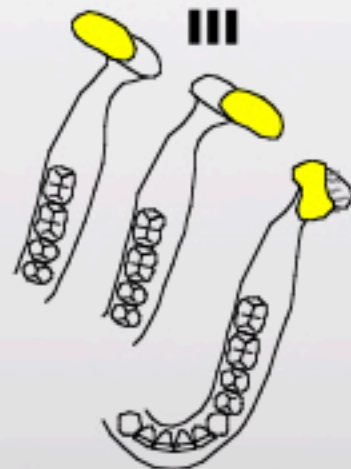
85% of all damaged joints adapt favorably without treatment

Cartilage sliding on tissue creates vibrations that can be detected



Dr. Mark Piper's Classification

Left TMJ



% Blood Flow Affected?



Bone to Bone
a Adapting
b Adapted

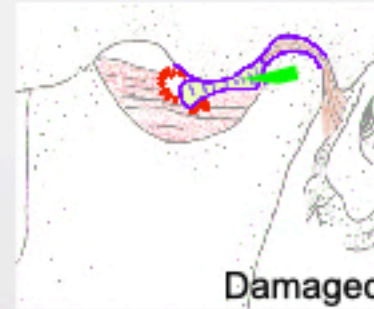
- I Normal
- 2 Ligaments or Cartilage damage
- 3a Partial disc subluxation, with reduction
- 3b Partial disc subluxation, non-reducing
- 4a Complete disc dislocation, with reduction
- 4b Complete disc dislocation, non-reducing
- 5a No Disc, Bone to bone- Adapting
- 5b No Disc, Bone to bone- Adapted

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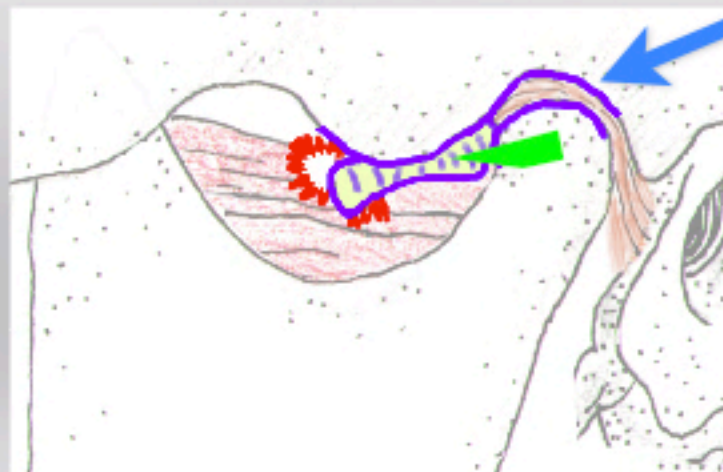
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Joints are either
Healthy or
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If damaged, joints will be either:
Actively Breaking Down
Adapting
Adapted
Structurally, Mechanically
Favorably, Unfavorably



Majority of damaged
TMJs adapt favorably



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

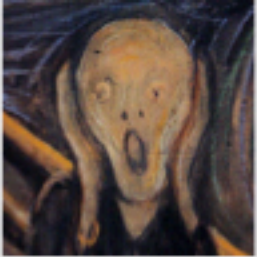
Tissue Fibrosis

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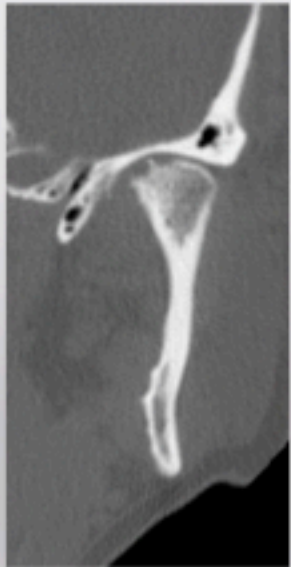
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- University Hospital, Netherlands: 134 TMD patients, 30 year follow up
- Patients received good clinical work up and diagnosis 30 years ago, but basically no treatment
 - (Reassurance, PT, exercise, limited occlusal adjust)
- 70% satisfied with results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



Damaged TMJs



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



Occlusal Muscle Dysfunction
Osteoarthritis
Mechanically Dysfunctional

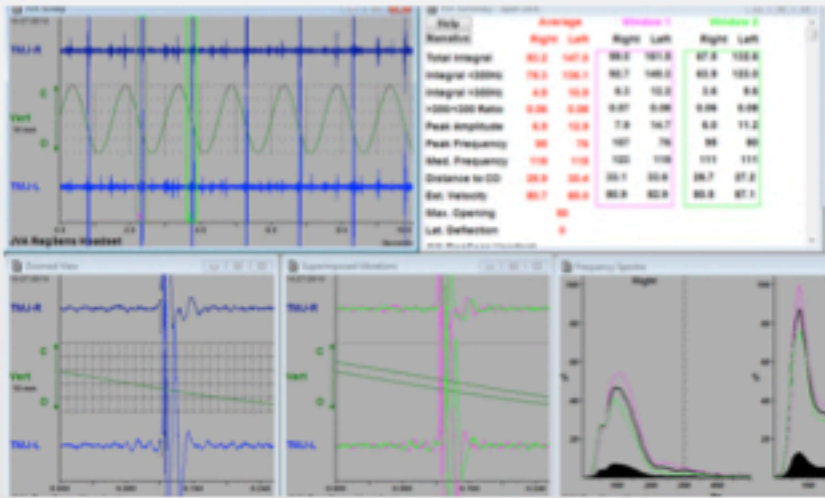


Avascular Necrosis
Progressive Condylar Resorption

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

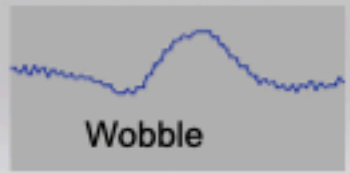
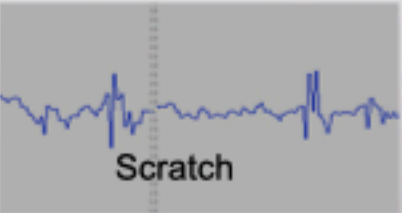
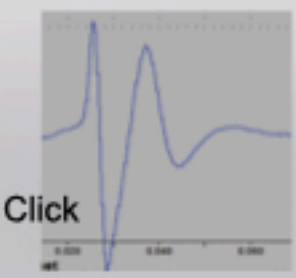
Joint Vibration Analysis

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



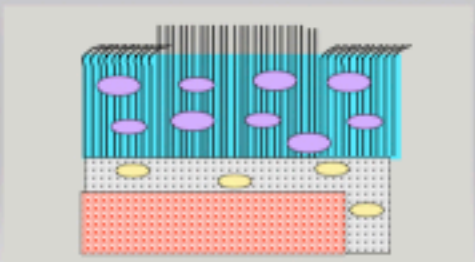
Based on Sonar.
It is not a microphone

Three main types of sounds

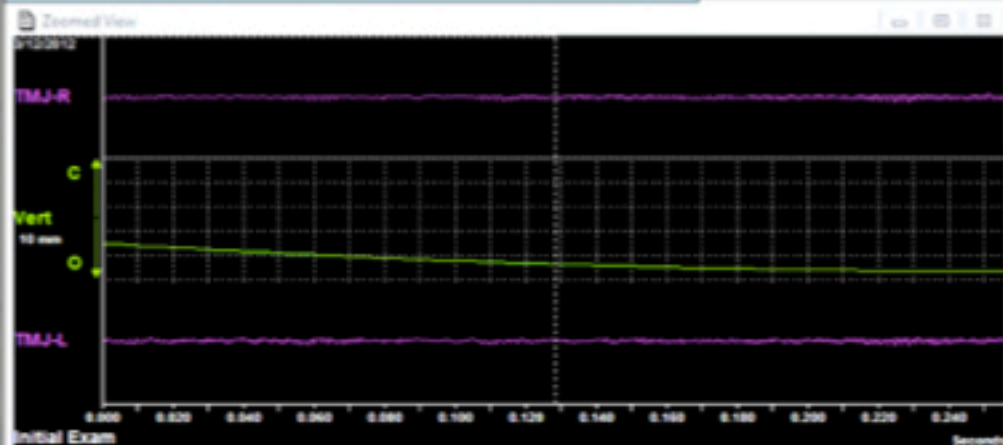
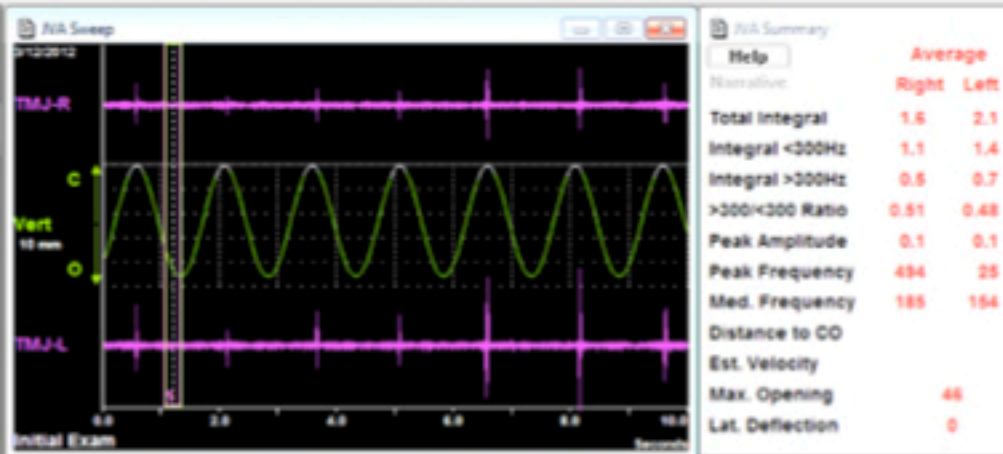


- Click
- Disc Reduction
- Wobble
- Disc subluxation
- Joint subluxation
- Scratch
- Oseoarthritis
- Tissue against cartilage (Piper 4b)
- Rough cartilage- clenching

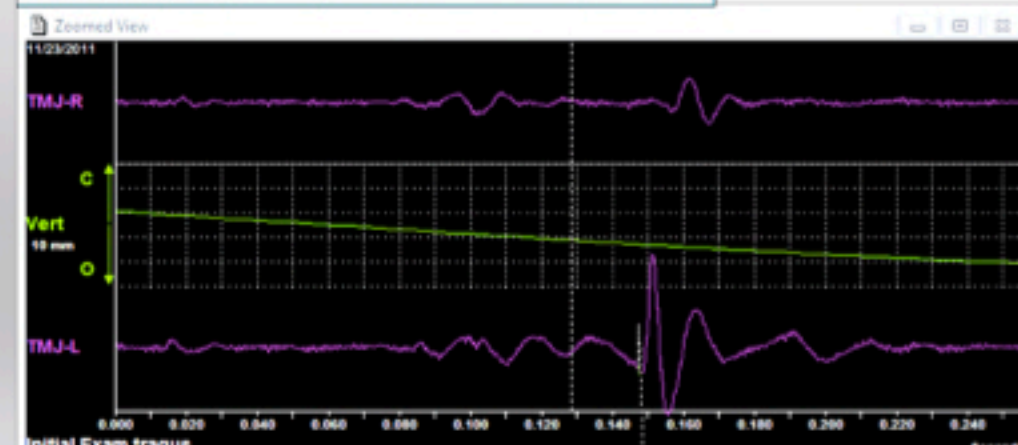
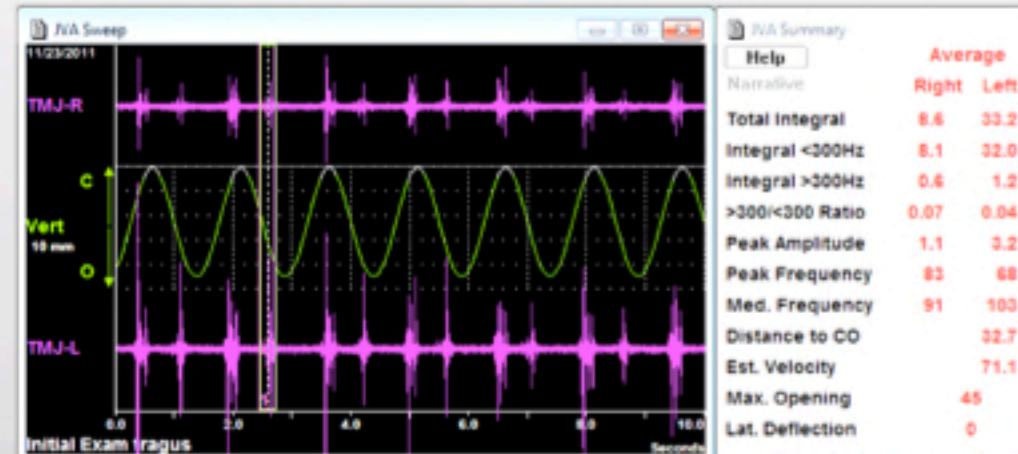
JVA measures the health of the cartilage



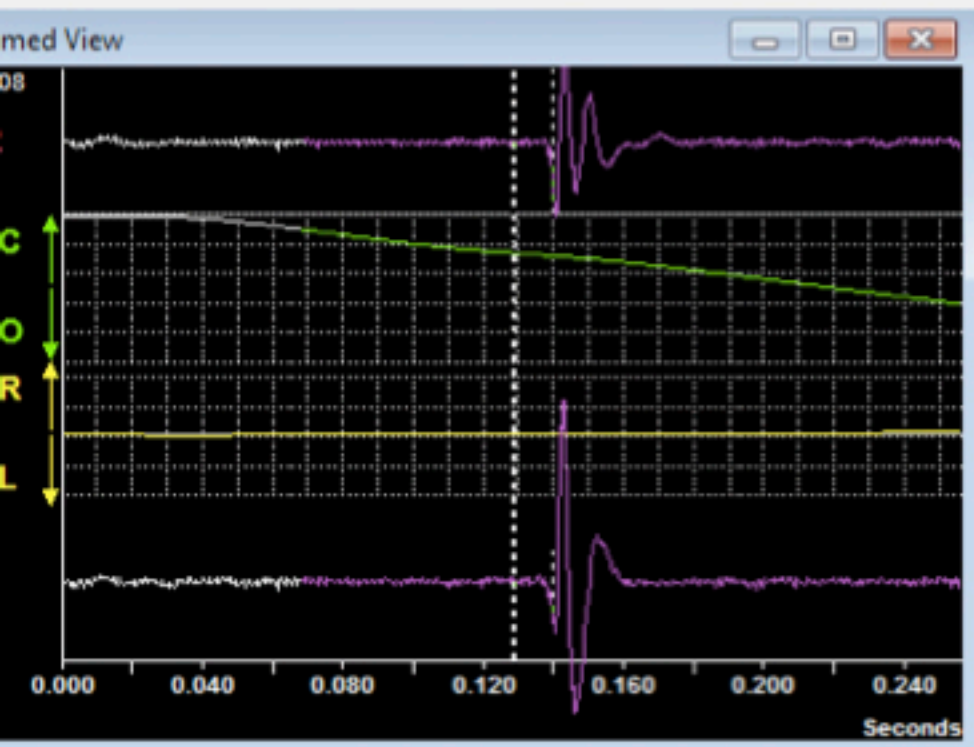
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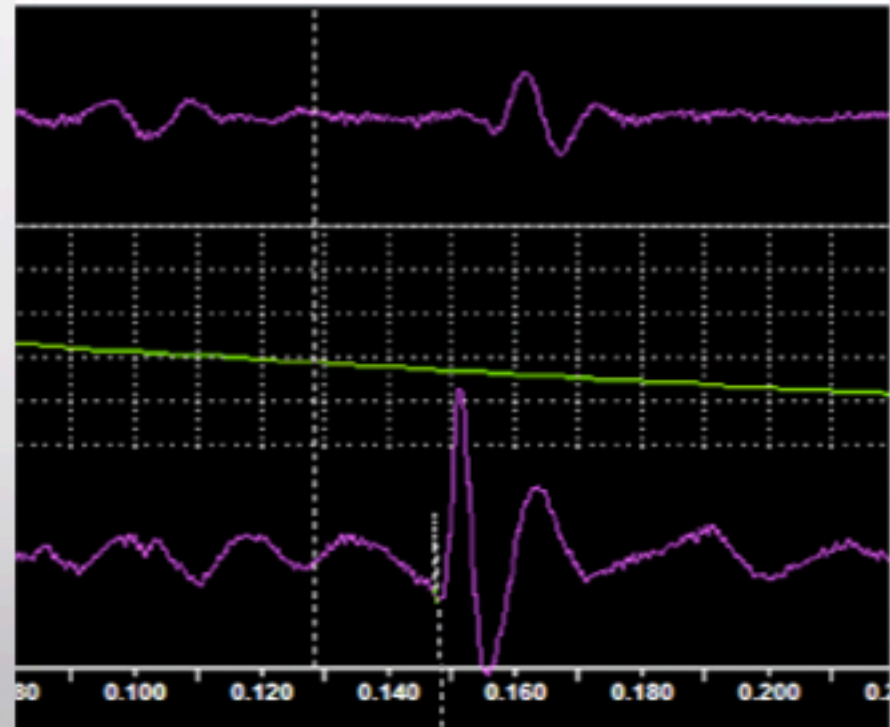
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Simple or Complex



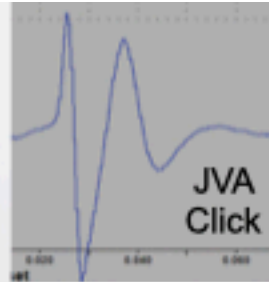
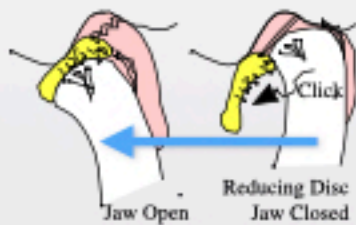
Simple left click with transference vibration to right
L4a



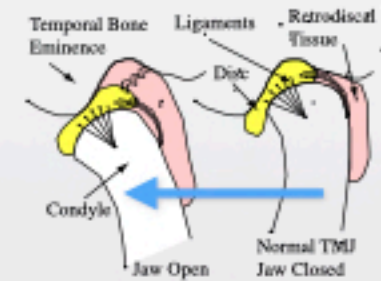
Complex Click
L3a, R4b

Differential Diagnosis of TMJ Clicking

Disc Reduction



Normal

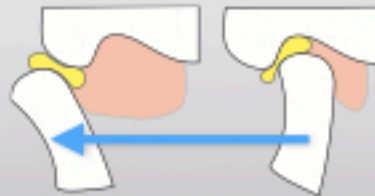


Adhesive Click



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

Eminence Thud

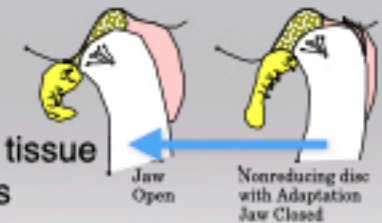


A hypermobile condyle moves past the crest of the eminence and makes a thud sound

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

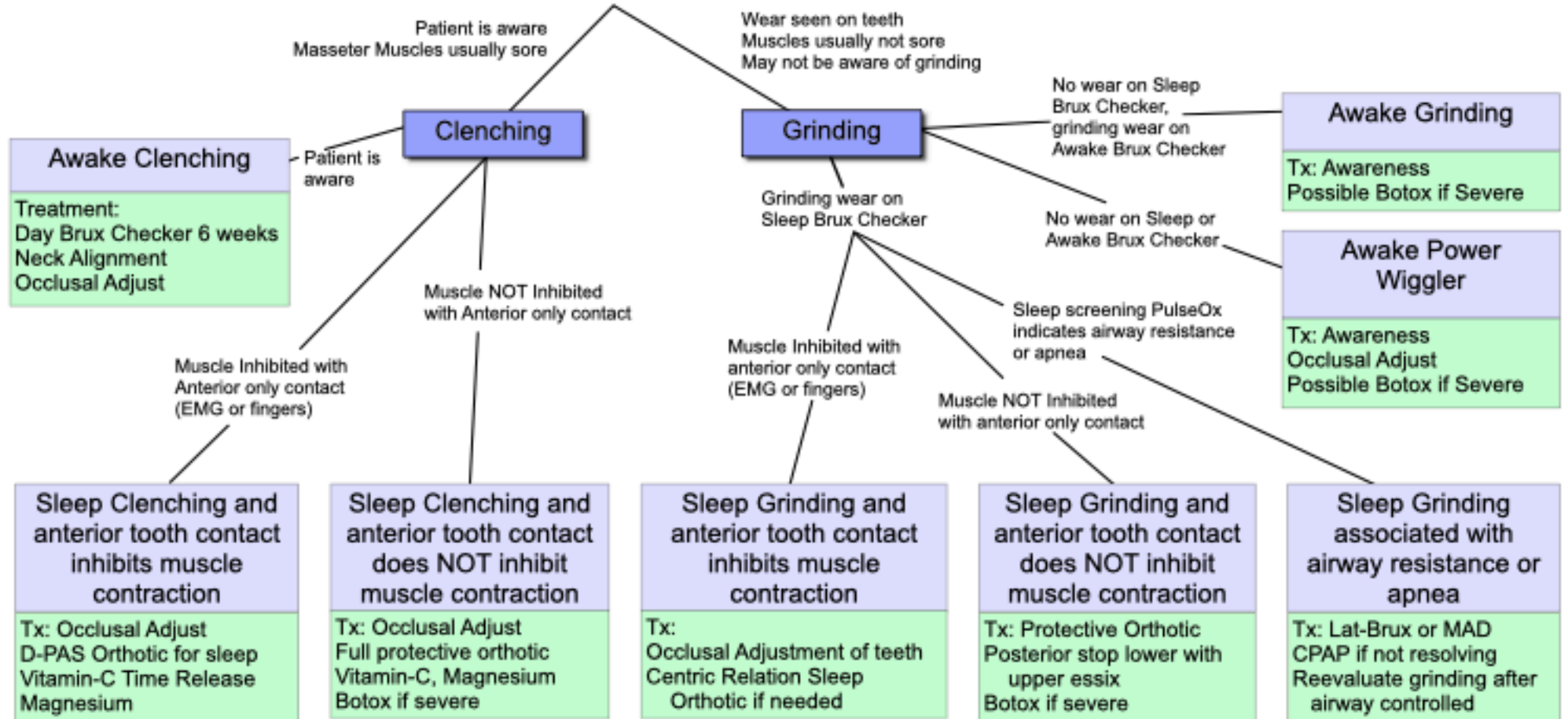


Adhesion Crackle



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

BRUXING: PARAFUNCTIONAL TOOTH CONTACT



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.

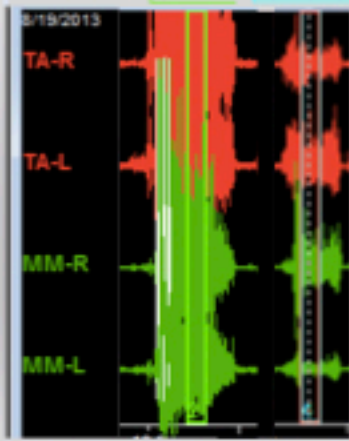


Diagnostic Palatal Anterior Stop Orthotic



Patient with muscles inhibited by anterior only contact

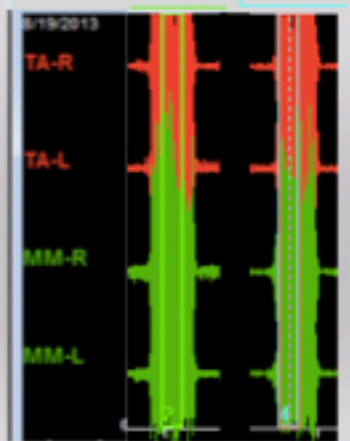
	Clench MaxIC μV	Anterior Stop D-PAS μV
TA-R	100.6	15.7
TA-L	108.9	25.3
MM-R	115.4	25.5
MM-L	70.5	6.8



Major decrease in muscle power with D-PAS

Another Patient with muscles NOT inhibited by anterior only contact

	Clench MaxIC μV	Anterior Stop D-PAS 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

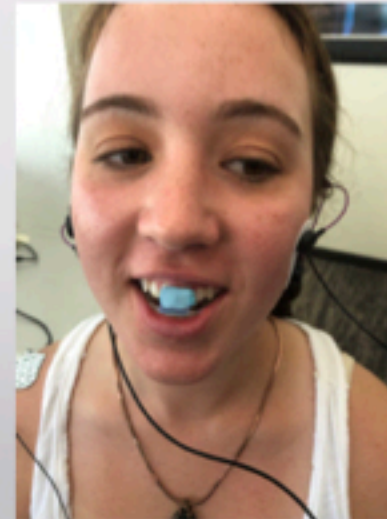
M-Scan EMG Electromyography



Clench back teeth



Clench
anterior stop

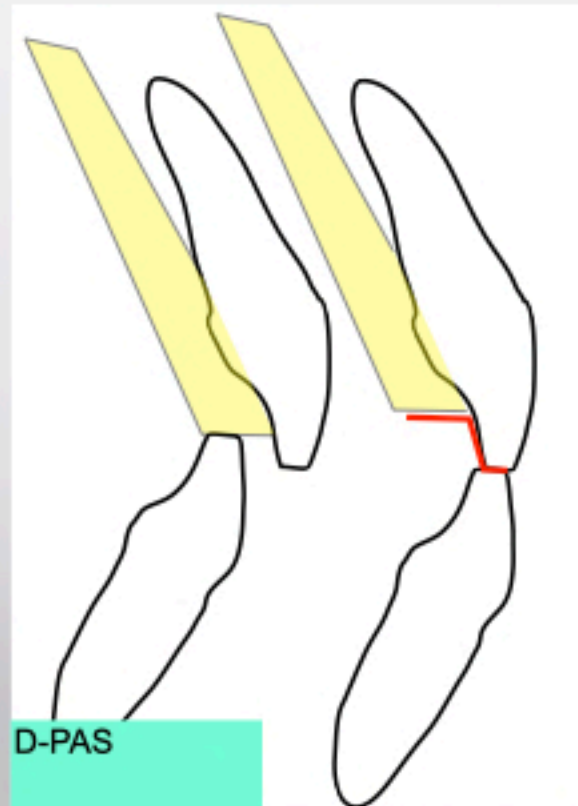
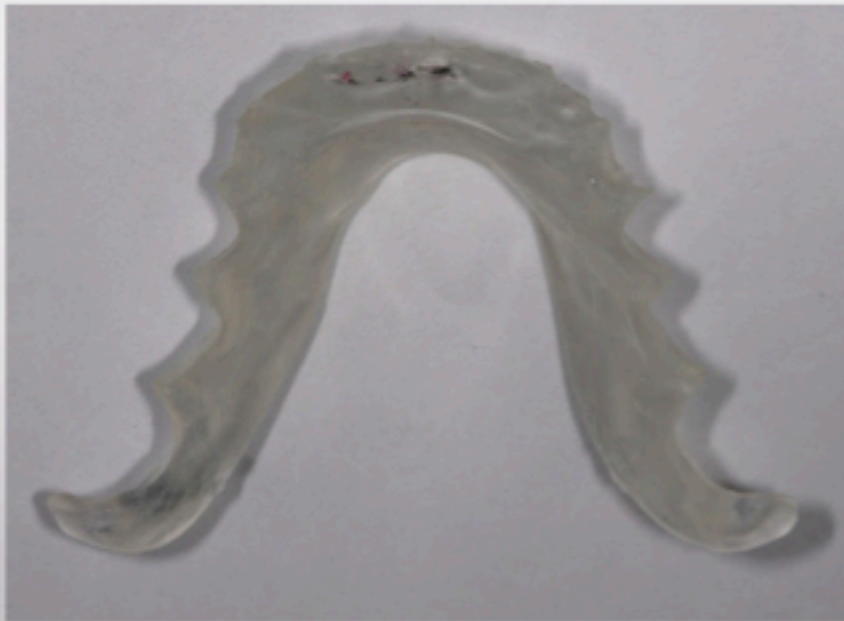


Can place moderate force
on front teeth

Clench
Back teeth +250 μv
Front teeth +121 μv



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

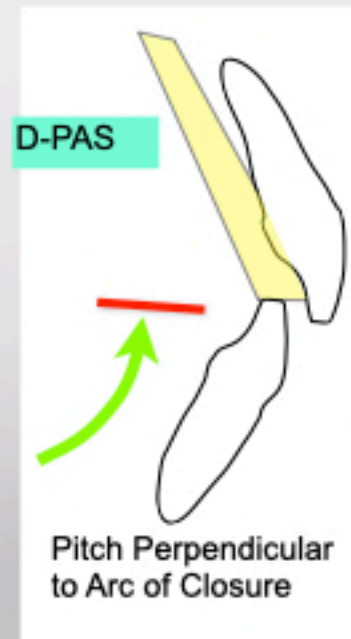
Sleep Clenching Inhibited: Wear D-PAS as night guard
Orthotic Improved Airway: D-PAS as night guard
Occlusal Muscle Disharmony: Occlusal Adjust

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

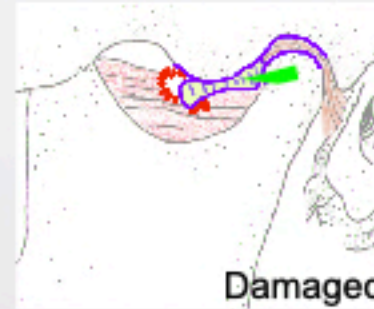


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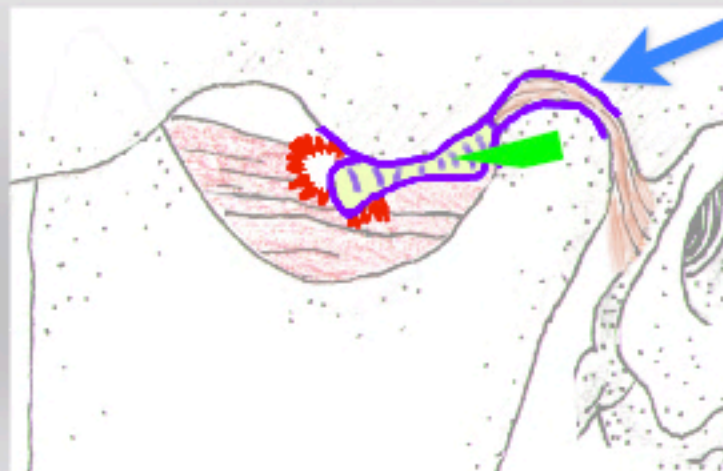
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Age 13: Jaw clicking on waking

Answer these 4 Questions

1. What kind of click did she have?

Disc Reduction

Adhesive Click "Sticky Disc"

Eminence Thud

Adhesion Crackle

2. Were the Joints:

Healthy or

Damaged

3. Were the Joints:

Actively Breaking Down

Adapting

Adapted

4. What damaging parafunction should have been managed/ treated?