

## The role of distraction osteogenesis in the correction of dento-facial deformity

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Orthognathic surgery has, over the years, gained a generalized acceptance for correction of dentofacial deformity. However, there are limitations associated with acute advancement of osteotomized bone segments such as relapse. Distraction osteogenesis is a novel surgical technique that involves bone lengthening by gradual mechanical distraction and has opened up new possibilities in the correction of dentofacial deformities. The purpose of this presentation is to review development of this technique and highlight its clinical applications to the oro-facial region by presenting a series of cases treated with this approach.

### Biography

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