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What to do for TMD in children: A neuromuscular perspective

Neuromuscular dentistry is the understanding of the relationship between the temperomandibular joints (TMJ), teeth, muscles and nerves. It enables the optimum physiologic position of the jaw to be established to assist in the correction of the underlying causes of craniofacial – Temperomandibular joint, head and neck pain. Neuromuscular dentistry is also used to determine the optimum physiologic jaw position prior to complex dental restorative procedures, cosmetic dentistry, dental sleep medicine procedures, dentofacial orthopedics and orthodontics. It is a treatment modality of dentistry that focuses on correcting the physiologic "misalignment" of the jaw at the Temperomandibular joint (TMJ). TMJ disorders are not a problem limited to adults. This lecture focuses on how to diagnose and treat TMD in children and young adults. Neuromuscular-functional orthodontics is an easy error free procedure that will take the practitioner to treat TMJ dysfunction in children during interceptive therapy.

Biography

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