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Quality & standardization in the dental office

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You pay a large sum of money to buy quality products; your patient also pays a large sum of money for your quality service. So what is quality? How does your patients perceive it? How can you maintain quality in your office and how to close the gaps?

Standardization is not just routine work, it is a set of procedures that eases your work, saves time and above all, maintains the quality of your service.

In this lecture, we discuss the basic principles of quality and the simplest tools you can use to standardize your dental service.

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Parade of challenging malocclusions managed with temporary anchorage system

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Anchorage control in orthodontic treatment is an important factor in determining treatment outcome. Orthodontists have historically used many devices to prevent unwanted tooth movement such as extra-oral and/or intra- or inter-maxillary appliances. However, many of these devices call for patient cooperation, and loss of anchorage is often observed.

The use of temporary anchorage system (TAS) as a source of skeletal anchorage has become routine in present-day orthodontic practice. TAS opens up alternative treatments, to borderline surgery patients. Because they are bone-borne and provide excellent control over tooth movement in the three spatial planes of movement, TAS can be used to serve many purposes in addition to anchorage. Therefore, a variety of successful TAS appliances are explained in relation to the three planes of movement: sagittal, vertical, and transverse.

The aim of this review is to illustrate the clinical versatility of TAS in the three spatial planes of malocclusion in orthodontic and orthopedic management and to define clinical guidelines for the selection, application and biomechanics of TA

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