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Neuromuscular approach to temporomandibular disorders

Neuromuscular dentistry is the understanding of the relationship between the Temporomandibular 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 – Temporomandibular 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 Temporomandibular joint (TMJ). This lecture focuses on diagnosis and treatment of temporomandibular disorders according to neuromuscular principals and philosophy. The procedure is described according to the ICNOG (International College of Neuromuscular Orthodontics and Gnathology) protocol.

Biography

Fabio Savastano graduated in Medicine and Surgery in 1987 cum laude at University of Naples, Italy. He received a Master degree in Orthodontics at the University of Padua in 1990. He served as the Adjunct Professor at the University des Les Valls, Andorra, practice limited to orthodontics and gnathology since 1991 in Albenga. He is the President of ICNOG, International College of Neuromuscular Orthodontics and Gnathology and International member of the AAO, American Association of Orthodontics. He is the member of numerous associations and has lectured in Brazil, Canada, UAE, Spain, Bahrain, India and Italy on "Neuromuscular Orthodontics".

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