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Occlusal Splints : An Innovative Treatment Modality in Temporomandibular Disorders

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Abstract:

Temporomandibular joint disorder is a disturbance resulting from overworked, uncoordinated muscle movement that is generated by deflective occlusal interferences to physiologic jaw motions and parafunctional habits. Occlusal splint therapy has been proved to reduce symptoms by altering the occlusal equilibrium, distributing forces associated with parafunctional activities and normalizing periodontal ligament proprioception.

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