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Torus Palatinus: A Review of the Literature on Prosthodontic and Surgical Management

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Introduction

This study briefly reviews the literature regarding the prosthodontic and surgical management of maxillary tori. Torus palatinus usually does not cause symptoms, but removal may be required in case of recurring traumatic surface ulceration if it interferes with function and denture placement. A maxillary torus provides a challenge when restoring an edentulous arch. The abnormal conditions existing in the edentulous patient can be corrected surgically, prior to the construction of dentures, to enable the patient to function more successfully following prosthetic restoration. Intervention through these pre-prosthetic procedures influences the quality of denture foundation and therefore denture stability.

In cases where surgery is contraindicated, using resilient acrylics and tissue conditioning materials plays a vital role, and patients no longer have to undergo discomfort due to denture placement.

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