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THIRD DIMENSION OF BALANCED DENTURE

“THE POLISHED SURFACE CONTOURS”

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Abstract

A denture exhibits three surfaces such as impression surface, occlusal surface and polished surface. Generally recording and carving of polished surface has been highly neglected. The polished surface plays an important role in denture stability, retention, aesthetics and phonetics to achieve a balanced denture. Conventionally, polished surface is carved with anatomical contours. To develop a proper form of polished surface, denture must be based on accurate impression of tissues which limits the extent of denture and teeth must be arranged in proper relation to ridge. Additionally, impression of polished surface can be made to record the contour accordingly, neutral zone. To achieve a polished surface there are few mechanical and functional techniques, The polished surface of denture can be made to fit the soft tissues that surrounds them. Hence, it is important to give equal importance to all the three surfaces to achieve a physiologically balanced denture along with maximum preservation of remaining soft and hard tissue.

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