TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT AND PROSTHODONTIC IMPLICATIONS



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ACCORDING TO GPT 8

A JOINT is the place of union of two or more bones

JOINTS CAN BE CLASSIFIED

AS

A. Fibrous

B. Cartilaginous

C Synovial



DEFINITION OF TMJ

• The articulation between the temporal bone and the mandible.

It is a bilateral diarthrodial and bilateral ginglymoid joint



Glossary of Prosthodontic Terminology-8

TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT

<u>IS</u>

- Compound
- Diarthroidal
- Ginglymoid
- Multiaxial
- Secondary
- Squamo-dentary Joint
- Cranio–mandibular articulation



PECULIARITY OF TMJ

- 1. Bilateral diarthrosis
- 2. Articular surface is formed by fibrous cartilage instead of hyaline cartilage
- 3. Only joint in human body to have a rigid endpoint of closure

PECULIARITY OF TMJ.....

- 4. In contrast to other diarthrodial joints TMJ is last joint to develop
- 5. Develops from two distinct blastema.

DEVELOPMENT

At 6th week: Articular disc first appears



<u>At 7th week</u>: Meckels cartilage extends from chin to base of skull acts as scaffolding for mandible development Two ectomesenchymal condensation appears

At 12th week: Condylar growth cartilage appears & condyle begins to develop



At 22nd week: Articular capsule becomes recognizable and merges peripherally with condensation



At 26th week: All components of joint appears except articular eminence

At 31st week: Sphenomandibular ligamnet appears

<u>At 39th week</u>: Ossification of bony components starts and resembles the future joint

ARTICULAR SURFACE

- Dense fibrous connective tissue
- Parallel arrangement- collagen fibers
- · Good adaption to sliding movement
- Shock absorber
- · High ability to repair
- Less susceptible to the effect of aging



PROLIFERATIVE ZONE

- Cellular
- Undifferenciated mesenchymal cell
- · Proliferation & regeneration throughout life



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FIBRO-CARTILAGINOUS ZONE

- Collagen fibrils- criss-cross pattern
- Offers resistance- compressive & lateral forces
- · But becomes thinner with age





- Chondrocytes, chondroblasts & osteocytes
- Active site for remodeling



ANATOMICAL COMPONENTS



BONY COMPONENTS



Glenoid fossa

Mandibular condyle

Articular eminence

GLENOID FOSSA

 The squamous portion of the temporal bone (concave)
 Measure approx 23 mm (both A-P and M-L)



Anterior : a convex bony prominence
 (tubercle) = articular eminence

 Posterior : Post Glenoid Plane Prevents forced posterior displacement of condyle The posterior roof is thin not designed to sustain heavy force

 The articular eminence consists of thick dense bone to tolerate such forces.



 The steepness of the articular eminence surface dictates the pathway of the condyle CONDYLAR GUIDANCE

THE MANDIBULAR CONDYLE

HEAD OF CONDYLE

- -Mediolateral : 15 20 mm -Anteroposterior : 7 – 10 mm
- -Anterior view : medial & lateral poles, the medial pole more prominent
- -The actual articulating surface ~ extends anteriorly and posteriorly to the most superior aspect (P > A)



The articular surface lies on its anterosuperior aspect, thus facing the posterior slope of the articular eminence of the temporal bone.



The imaginary lines connecting the medial and lateral poles of the condyles are posteriorly and medially directed toward the anterior border of the foramen magnum.



ARTICULAR EMINENCE

Transverse bony bar that forms the root of zygomatic process

This articular surface have dense bone and is most heavily traversed by condyle and disk during forward and backward movements of jaw

Squamous temporal bone



Articular eminence

ARTICULAR DISC

It is a BICONCAVE FIBROCARTILAGINOUS structure located between the mandibular condyle and the temporal bone.

- The superior surface of the disc SADDLE-SHAPED to fit into the cranial contour,
- The inferior surface -CONCAVE to fit against the mandibular condyle.



 The ARTICULAR DISC is a roughly oval, firm, fibrous plate.

PARTS:

- 1. ANTERIOR BAND = 2 mm thick
- 2. POSTERIOR BAND = 3 mm thick,
- 3. INTERMEDIATE BAND of 1 mm thickness.



Larger upper compartment and Smaller lower compartment.

 Hinging movements take place in the lower compartment and gliding movements take place in the upper compartment.



ATTACHMENTS OF DISC

ANTERIORLY:

Anterior region of the disc is attached to the capsular ligament

Anterio-Superior : anterior margin of the articular surface of the temporal bone

-Anterio-Inferior : anterior margin of the articular surface of the condyle





POSTERIORLY:

RETRODISCAL TISSUE

It is a loose connective tissue region that is highly vascularized and innervated.



SUPERIOR : Upper lamina (CONTAINS MAINLY ELASTIC FIBERS)

It attaches the disc posteriorly to the tympanic plate & prevents slipping of the disc while yawning.

INFERIOR : lower lamina (COMPOSED CHIEFLY COLLAGENOUS FIBERS)

It prevents excessive rotation of the disc over the condyle.



FUNCTIONS

- To accommodate a hinge as well as the gliding actions
- Stablize the condyle within TMJ
- Articular disc may also reduce wear
- Aid lubrication of the joint by storing fluid squeezed
 out from loaded area

LIGAMENTS

Primary

- 1 Fibrous Capsule
- 2 Collateral
- 3 Temporomandibular





<u>Acessory</u> 4 Sphenomandibular

5 Stylomandibular

PRIMARY LIGAMENTS

1. CAPSULAR LIGAMENT/ FIBROUS CAPSULE THIN SLEEVE OF FIBROUS TISSUE surrounding the entire TMJ

Superior attachment

the borders of the articular surface of the glenoid fossa and anterior edge of preglenoid plane of articular tubercle

Inferior attachment
 periphery of neck of
 mandibular condyle



 This capsule is reinforced more laterally by an external Temporomandibular ligament, which also limits the distraction and the posterior movement of the condyle.



- Anteriorly, the capsule has an orifice through which the tendon of lateral pterygoid muscle passes.
- This area of relative weakness in the capsular lining becomes a source of possible herniation of intra-articular tissues
- May allow forward displacement of the disk.



FUNCTION

• To resist any lateral or downward forces that tends to separate or dislocate the articular surface

• To retain the synovial fluid

Proprioception
<u>COLLATERAL (DISCAL)</u> <u>LIGAMENTS</u>

 From medial and lateral borders of the disc to the poles of the condyle

Medial discal ligament Lateral discal ligament



Dividing the joint mediolaterally into superior and inferior joint cavities

Function :

- Allow the disc to move passively with the condyle as it glides A P
- Permit the disc to be rotated A-P on the articular surface of the condyle
- These ligaments are RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HINGING MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE CONDYLE AND THE ARTICULAR DISC
- They have a vascular supply and are innervated

3.TEMPOROMANDIBULAR LIGAMENT

It lies at the lateral aspect of the capsular ligament

Attached above to articular tubercle

Below attached to lateral and posterior surface of neck of condyle

FUNCTION

Resists excessive

dropping of the condyle so limits the extent of mouth opening

ACCESORY LIGAMENTS

4.Sphenomandibular ligament

- From the spine of the sphenoid bone
- & extends downward to lingula of mandible



5.Stylomandibular ligament

- Second accesory ligament.
- This is a specialized dense, local concentration of deep cervical fascia



- From the styloid process

& extends downward and forward to the angle and posterior border of the ramus of mandible

FUNCTION

- It limits excessive protrusive movements of the mandible
- This ligament becomes tense only in extreme protrusive movements.

MUSCULAR COMPONENT



PRIMARY MUSCLES OF MASTICATION



- MASSETER
- TEMPORALIS
- LATERAL PTERYGOID
- MEDIAL PTERYGOID

SECONDARY MUSCLES OF MASTICATION

•Suprahyoid muscles

Infrahyoid muscles



SUPRAHYOID GROUP

DIGASTRIC
MYLOHYOID
GENIOHYOID
STYLOHYOID



INFRAHYOID MUSCLES

STERNOHYOID STERNOTHYROID THYROHYOID OMOHYOID





MASSETER

- Voluntary
- Multipennate
- Quadrilateral
- Antigravity
- Elevator





<u>ORIGIN</u>

The superficial layer

The maxillary process of the zygomatic bone The anterior 2/3rd of the inferior border of the zygomatic arch.

The middle layer

From the medial aspect of the anterior two-thirds of the zygomatic arch

The lower border of the posterior third of this arch



The deep layer arises from the deep surface of the zygomatic arch

INSERTION

Insert into the angle and lower posterior half of the lateral surface of the mandibular ramus



FUNCTION OF MASSETER MUSCLE

Contraction elevates the mandible and brings teeth in contact



Provides the force required to chew efficiently

Superficial part also helps in protruding

Biting foce applied in protruded position ,condyles are stablized against articular eminence by deep fibres

VASCULAR SUPPLY

- By the masseteric branch of the maxillary artery,
- the facial artery and
- the transverse facial branch of the superficial temporal A



INNERVATION

By the masseteric branch of the anterior trunk of the mandibular nerve.

TEMPORALIS

FAN SHAPEDBIPENNATEVOLUNTARY



Temporalis is attached to the coronoid process and to the anterior border of the mandibular ramus

Arises from the whole of the temporal fossa up

to the inferior temporal line and from the deep surface

INSERTION

of the temporal fascia.





FUNCTIONS OF TEMPORALIS MUSCLE

ELEVATION

Anterior fibers Posterior fibers

fibers RETRUSION

to elevate the mandible and crush objects between the molars, or in carnivores, to clench into other animals using the canine (fang) teeth

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VASCULAR SUPPLY

The deep temporal branches from the second part of the maxillary artery.

INNERVATION

The deep temporal branches from the anterior trunk of mandibular nerve

MEDIAL PTERYGOID or INTERNAL PTERYGOID

Consists 2 heads Deep Head Superficial Head

- Thick muscle
- Quadrilateral
- Multipennate
- Voluntary



<u>ORIGIN</u>

The large deep head arises from the medial surface of the lateral pterygoid plate of the sphenoid bone

The small, superficial head : Maxillary tuberosity and the pyramidal process of the palatine bone



INSERTION

Postero-inferior part of the medial surface of the ramus and angle of the mandible

FUNCTION:

- Contraction mandible is ELEVATED and the teeth are brought into contact
 - It is also active in PROTRUDING the mandible
 - Unilateral contraction mediotrusive movement of the MANDIBLE



VASCULAR SUPPLY

Pterygoid branches of the maxillary artery.

INNERVATION

Medial pterygoid branch of the mandibular nerve

LATERAL PTERYGOID

It consists 2 heads or bellies with different

function Superior head Inferior head

Thick Short Non-pennate



<u>ORIGIN</u>.

The Superior head :Infratemporal surface and :crest of the greater wing of the sphenoid bone.

The Inferior head : the lateral surface of lateral pterygoid plate.

INSERTION

Pterygoid fovea A part of the superior head attached to the capsular ligament and to the anterior and medial borders of articular disc.

FUNCTION :

When left and right muscles contract together –protrusive movement

If only one lateral pterygoid contracts, the jaw rotates around a vertical axis passing through the opposite condyle and is pulled medially toward the opposite side.

During powerful clenching of teeth ,temporalis muscle pulls the condyle backwards which is limited by superior head of lateral pterygoid muscle

Vascular supply

Pterygoid branches from the MAXILLARY ARTERY

Ascending Palatine branch of FACIALARTERY

Innervation

The superior head & the lateral part of the inferior head: a branch from **BUCCAL NERVE**.

The medial part of the lower head : a branch arising directly from the anterior trunk of MANDIBULAR NERVE..

BLOOD SUPPLY OF TMJ

• ARTERIES:

Anteriorly: Masseteric A



Posteriorly Branches from Maxillary A Superficial temporal A

VEINS:

Maxillary vein and pterygoid venous plexes

INNERVATION

 Movements of synovial joint are initiated & effected by muscle coordination.



Achieved in part through sensory innervation

- Branches of the mandibular division of the fifth cranial nerve supply the TMJ
- Anterioly by Auriculotemporal and Masseteric Nerve
- Posteriolrly by Deep temporal Nerve

MOVEMENTS



CLASSIFICATION

HABITUAL

Speech
 Mastication
 Deglutition
 Breathing
 Sucking, whistling etc

BASED ON AXIS OF ROTATION

- Transverse
- Sagital
- Vertical

BASED ON EXTENT OF MOVEMENT

Border movements

- •Extreme movements in all planes
- •Envelope motion
- Intra border
 - •Functional
 - Parafunctional

BASED ON TYPE OF MOVEMENT

- Hinge
- Protrusive
- Retrusive
- Lateral

AXIS OF MOVEMENTS

Transverse or hinge axis

Opening and closing movements takes place in sagital plane

Vertical axis: lateral movements takes place through this axis which condyle twists laterally and backward in horizontal plane

Antero-posterior or Sagital axis:

lateral movements takes place through this axis at which condyle twists while rotating in frontal plane





All the three axis of mandibular movemnets are inter-related to each other and simultaneous movements occurs around all axis during chewing cycle

MOVEMENTS

- Rotational / hinge movement in first 20-25mm of mouth opening
- Translational movement after that when the mouth is excessively opened.




ACTION OF MASTICATORY MUSCLES ON MANDIBULAR MOVEMENTS

DEPRESSION OF MANDIBLE

Digrastric Mylohyoid Geniohyoid

Lateral Pterygoid



ELEVATION OF MANDIBLE

Medial Pterygoid

Masseter

Temporalis



PROTRUSION OF MANDIBLE

Lateral Pterygoids Medial Pterygoids



RETRACTION OF MANDIBLE

Posterior fibres of Temporalis



PROSTHODONTIC IMPLICATIONS OF TEMPROMANDIBULAR JOINT

OCCLUSION / TMJ / TMD



Why TMJ imp for Prosthodontist

MUSCLES

Muscles + Joints + Teeth = Neuromuscular Dentistry

JOINTS

Teeth must fit into harmony of jaw relationship-not vice -versa

TEETH

 The changes in mandible and maxilla occurs slowly over a period of time



 Articular surfaces of TMJ undergo slow but continuous remodelling throughout life

VERTICAL DIMENSION

Vertical position of mandible in relation to maxilla when teeth are intercuspated at most closed position

 Dictated by repetitious position of contracted length of elevators



The vertical dimension determined by contracted length of elevators, sets the limit of jaw separation to which teeth erupts



CENTRIC RELATION

Centric relation is the relationship of the mandible to the maxilla when the properly aligned condyle-disk assemblies are in the most superior position against the eminentiae irrespective of vertical dimension or tooth position GPT 8



HOW MANDIBLE GOES INTO CENTRIC RELATION

Triad of strong elevator muscles moves the condyle-disk assembly up on posterior slopes of the articular tubercle

The LATERAL PTERYGOID relaxes and stays relaxed during complete closure

Complete seating of the condyles in superior

CENTRIC RELATION

most position

A:SUPERFICIAL MASSETER moves the condyle UP against the posterior slope B: The MEDIAL PTERYGOID moves THE CONDYLES UP from the lingual side of the mandible

C:The TEMPORALIS attach to the coronoid process between the teeth and the TMJs and moves THE CONDYLE UP.....



OCCLUSO MUSCLE PAIN



<u>MOST COMMON CONDITIONS</u> AFFECTING TMJ IN A PROSTHETIC <u>SET UP</u>

Occlusal discrepencies

Dysharmony between centric relation
& occlusion

Bruxism

Emotional stress (mostly in edentulous patients)

OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING TMJ

- Trauma
- Mal-alignment of the occlusal surfaces of the teeth due to defective crowns or other restorative procedures.
- Excessive gum chewing or nail biting.
- Degenerative joint disease, such as osteoarthritis



PRIMARY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL OCCLUSAL THERAPY

- Stable TMJ
- Non interfering post.teeth
 - Anterior teeth in harmony with envelope of function



MASTICATORY MUSCLE FUNCTION IS AFFECTED BY THE OTHER 3 STRUCTURES.

TREATMENT

- 1. Restoration of the occlusal surfaces of the teeth
 - a) Selective reshaping of teeth
 - b) Crown & bridges , Implants
- 2. Occlusal Splint (also called night guards or mouth guards)
- 3. Orthodontic treatment & Orthognathic Surgery





<u>A BRIEF ABOUT OCCLUSAL</u> <u>SPLINTS</u>



OCCLUSAL SPLINTS

 An occlusal splint is a removable device made of hard acrylic resin creating precise occlusal contact with the teeth of the opposing arch.



PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF OCCLUSAL SPLINTS

- Temporarily provide an orthopedically musculoskeletal stable joint position.
- Introduces an optimum occlusal condition that prevents the muscular hyperactivity.
- Used to protect teeth from excessive tooth wear.



SECONDARY FUNCTION OF OCCLUSAL SPLINTS

- Stablization of week teeth
- Distribution of occlusal forces
- Stablization of unopposed teeth

TYPES OF OCCLUSAL APPLIANCES

- THE TWO MOST COMMONLY USED ARE:
- 1. The Permissive Split
- 2. The Directive Splint



INDICATIONS

PERMISSIVE SPLINT

Stabilizing appliance are generally used to treat muscle pain disorders.

(also called as Muscle De-programmer)

DIRECTIVE SPLINT

 Anterior positioning appliance are used to position or align the condyle disk assembly

INSTRUCTIONS

• The patient is instructed how to properly seat the appliance and the final seating is done by biting.

 Patients are instructed to wear it in night for bruxism and in day time for disc problems.

IMPORTANT POINTS IN SPLINT MANAGEMENT

- A splint should be checked at least once during the 1st week after delivery and adjustments are done if required
- Patients with occlusal splint should preferably be recalled after 3 months months

CONCLUSION

Dentist must assess the oral function of patients prior to any treatment, since mastication is the most important oral function and it is closely associated with TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT. Therefore, examination of TMJ & thorough knowledge of its anatomy and functioning are the keys for successful PROSTHODONTIC treatment

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