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SPEECH THERAPY PERFORMANCE IN CASES OF MUSCULAR TEMPOROMANDIBULAR DYSFUNCTION

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The temporomandibular disorder (TMDs) is a broad term for changes and clinical problems involving temporomandibular joints (TMJ), the muscles of mastication and other associated structures.

TMD is one of the most common causes of orofacial pain and one of the major causes of musculoskeletal pain. Disorders of TMJ are complex and multifactorial.

Disorders of TMJ manifest through intermittent pain or persistent in the masticatory muscles and in the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), associated structures , it may have limitations or deviations of moviment amplitude, joint sounds, painful points, tinnitus and changed deglutition .

The evaluation instruments were Research Diagnostic Criteria for Temporomandibular Disorders (RDC / TMD). ICON for classification on Orofacial Pain.

The speech-language pathologist is part of the multidisciplinar team, were the diagnosis is made by the doctor or TMJ Disorders especializaed dentist.

Currently, the Federal Speech-Language Pathology Council (CFF) recognizes 14 specialties: Audiology, Language, Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders, Collective Health, Voice, Dysphagia,

Educational Speech-Language Pathology, Gerontology, Neurofunctional Speech Therapy, Occupational Health Speech-Language Pathology, Neuropsychology, and Fluency.

The technique used for the rehabilitation of the stomatognathic system include the use of resources like como muscles maneuvers, stretches, pain map, surface eletromiography, thermotherapy (cold and hot), laser therapy, guidelines. All resources part of the professional speech-language pathologist practice

The exercises used for the treatment Disorders of TMJ promote pain reduction, improve the coordenation of the masticatory muscles, reduces

Muscles spasm and the hyperactivity; restore the lenght muscle and joint mobility, as well the strength incresase for functions/moviments. Tissue regenation.

Biography:

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