A Collaborative Approach to Restoration of Airway, Posture and Breathing

Posture, Breathing and the structure and function of the airway is intimately related. Postural always compensates to maintain the most open airway even if it is a head forward, shoulder slumped, curved back and painful position. Restoring airway function though dental orthopedic repositioning solves only part of the problem. A functional physical therapy approach addresses another part. A more optimal result can be obtained with a collaborative approach where both the dentist and physician are aware of and can screen for structure dysfunction and the physical therapist can screen for structure and functional abnormalities in the cranio-mandibular complex. The faculty for this workshop is composed of recognized physical therapy thought leaders who work with and teach a multidisciplinary approach.

This workshop will benefit all airway healthcare practitioners and will focus on co-recognition, co-diagnosis and co-treatment.

Part 1: A Team Approach to the Management of TMJ and Airway Insufficiency

Part 2: Cervical Spine and Occlusion Influences on Prevalent Cranial and Mandibular Functional Patterns- A Postural Restoration Institute Overview

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