



# NEW PERSPECTIVES ON TMD: A DIAGNOSTIC CHALLENGE

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Temporomandibular disorders have many concepts associated with them, some of which are supported by sound data and some of which are not. This complexity arises from the many problems that can arise with masticatory function. In order to effectively manage and treat TMD, the clinician must be able to recognize these disorders from other orofacial pain disorders. Highlighting facts and fantasies related to the etiology of TMD, as well as discussing the diagnostic challenges thereof, will be the focus of this presentation.

## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Describe five potential risk factors for TMD
2. Identify how dental therapy may influence TMD
3. Describe the relationship of bruxism to TMD
4. Explain the importance of taking an accurate history for the TMD patient

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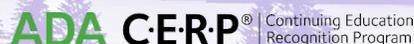


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subject of TMD and orofacial pain and has presented more than 1300 invited lectures on the subject of TMD and orofacial pain in all 50 states and in 59 different countries. He has received numerous teaching awards including "The International Dentist of the Year Award" from the Academy of Dentistry International. This is the highest award recognized by this Academy and was given to him in recognition of his worldwide efforts in providing education in the area of temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain.

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