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Greetings!

Thanks to all who have purchased the learning CDs and have taken another step towards implementing the principles of a comprehensive-care, relationship-based practice.

Tarantola Dental Learning is dedicated to helping dentists and dental technicians learn and apply the principles of comprehensive, masticatory system dentistry in a relationship-based environment.

That means promoting and maintaining optimal health, function and esthetics of all the components of the masticatory system, that is, the TMJs, the neuromuscular system, the dentition, the periodontium and occlusal bio-engineering. And accomplishing this in a way that is appropriate for that particular patient, that is, with their interest and active participation.

E+D+TP+TS=PS

Examination+Diagnosis+ Treatment Planning+Treatment Sequencing=Predictable Success

Our primary responsibilities are examination, diagnosis, treatment planning and treatment sequencing. Not just fixing teeth. Fixing teeth is a means to an end rather than the end itself.

"It is indispensable to develop a habit of observation and reflection." Abraham Lincoln.

Examination is "observing" the status of the components of the masticatory system. This is done with the active participation of the patient in a co-discovery process.

Diagnosis is "reflecting" upon what we observed to determine etiologies and cause/effect relationships. This is done during intellectual time scheduled away from the chair. It involves studying the data, radiographs, photographs and articulated diagnostic casts. It also involves the time developing a diagnostic blueprint whereby we incorporate and visualize, on a second set of casts, the form and function that is possible.

Treatment Planning is choosing the most appropriate materials, techniques and procedures to solve or address the problems and conditions uncovered during the exam. This quite possibly will involve consulting with your team of specialists for their input.

Treatment Sequencing is plotting a path from where they are to where optimal dentistry can take them in a way that fits their circumstances, objectives and

temperament. Planning and sequencing is also intellectual time scheduled away from the

Only now that you have invested your time and judgement are you qualified to counsel patient about what you have to offer and do it in a way that is sincere and with belief and conviction.

UNIQUE LEARNING CDs



Enjoy the peace of mind and fulfillment of practicing comprehensive-care, relationship-based, masticatory system dentistry! These **SELF-STUDY LEARNING MODULES** are a great review and reference for those already practicing masticatory system dentistry and also a great starting point for those wanting to learn more about this approach. The modules are very visual, the text is to-the-point, and the photo table of contents is linked to every page making it extremely easy to navigate and refer back to over and over again. It's a GREAT value...and of course, with a money-back guarantee!

"I cannot thank you enough for the learning CD's. I was up until 3:00 one morning studying them. They are truly awesome!!" Dr. D.C.

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NEW! CASE PLANNING SERVICE



DO YOU HAVE A PERPLEXING CASE? Dr. Tarantola can help you do a diagnostic blueprint (wax-up) complete with reduction, custom trays, and provisional stents. With examination and diagnostic information you provide, Dr. Tarantola will also provide a treatment plan and treatment sequence. The sequence will be submitted to you on his fee calculator spreadsheet so all your input is your estimated time per appointment, fee per hour, and costs (lab fees, etc) and a customized fee appropriate for that particular case will be calculated.

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JUNE CLINICAL TIP



We all know the importance of provisionals. They preview form, function, esthetics and biology that we expect in definitive dentistry. However, in cases that span many months of treatment, typically involving visits to the specialist(s), making lasting, trouble-free provisionals that hold up through this time frame can be frustrating. Here is a technique that can help.

- [Click here to see the JUNE CLINICAL TIP](#)

NEW! MANAGEMENT WORKBOOK



Whatever you can do or dream you can do, begin it. Boldness

genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now.
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German Author (1749-1832)

We already have plenty of knowledge. Yes, we need to keep learning and reviewing to keep it fresh, but the tough part is putting this knowledge into action for the benefit of our patient, the prosperity of our practice and for our own peace of mind. Close the gap between what you know and what you do on a day to day basis. This workbook format allows you to think and reflect, plan, set goals, involve your team...AND GET IT DONE!

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QUESTIONS SUBMITTED FROM LAST MONTH'S CLINICAL TIP

Can the stent be made with a vacuum former or do you need a pressure former such as the Biostar?

A quality vacuum former works well. Thin the base on a cast trimmer until you have a horseshoe shape. The open palate or tongue will help a lot with the adaptation of the Biocryl.

What about the occlusion on the stent?

Yes, the occlusion obviously needs to be addressed. It goes without saying that a comprehensive, masticatory system exam needs to be done: TMJs; muscles; dental; perio; occlusion. Patient's "at risk" for TMD signs and symptoms need to be addressed appropriately. Diagnose first! To get anterior coupling and appropriate anterior guidance on the stent, quite often acrylic needs to be added on the lingual upper anterior area of the stent.

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