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AN INTRODUCTION TO MYOFUNCTIONAL THERAPY, DENTISTRY AND AIRWAY HEALTH ***A Program for Dental Professionals***

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Course Description and Learning Objectives

This is a one-day course designed to give dental professionals an overview of the field of Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy and its connection to dentistry and airway health. Topics covered will include:

- Symptom identification of Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders (OMDs)
- The importance of the multidisciplinary team in treating OMDs
- An in-depth look at the health consequences of mouth breathing and poor oral posture
- How OMDs affect craniofacial and dental development in children
- The role of Ankyloglossia in dentistry and overall health
- How OMDs and sleep disordered breathing intersect
- The influence of OMDs on temporomandibular joint health and function
- Orthodontic and periodontal health and stability and OMDs

By the end of this course, participants will have a broader understanding of the connection between Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy and dentistry.

They will also understand the role of the hygienist in myofunctional assessment and referral, along with the importance of airway health and functional breathing for children and adults. Myofunctional therapy can be an effective adjunct to dentistry in two ways. First, to guide craniofacial growth and development in children in order to prevent bigger dental and health problems as adults. Second, as part of the process for treating sleep disordered breathing, malocclusion, and TMD in adults in order to address the root cause of their conditions.

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