A critical review of orofacial myofunctional therapy & sleep disordered breathing: phenotyping, clinical markers, and early intervention

We hope all will join us for the AAMS Symposium at the World Sleep Congress September 20-25, in Vancouver, Canada. It is an historic occasion for our emerging field of orofacial myofunctional therapy (OMT) with dozens of presentations touching on OMT in the main congress program & scientific sessions in addition to the AAMS Symposium. (Add as a course to the full congress registration)

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The name of the session is “A06: Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy & Sleep Disordered Breathing.” found on page 2 of the shopping cart.

This program is a joint meeting of the Academy of Applied Myofunctional Sciences (AAMS) and the World Sleep Society.

Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) is increasingly common sleep disorder with heterogeneity in clinical presentation and pathophysiology. In recent years, contributing causes or phenotypes have been identified and include: airway collapsibility, impaired pharyngeal dilator muscle function, lowered arousal threshold and loop gain.

Increased understanding of the pathophysiology and phenotyping of sleep disordered breathing (SDB) traits can improve the success rate of targeted treatment such as myofunctional therapy alone, or in combination with other treatments in mild and moderate OSA. This highlights the need for creation of tools for objective measurement and highly collaborative efforts in research.

Orofacial myofunctional therapy (OMT) represents a novel, non-invasive strategy to treat sleep disordered breathing including OSA (Guilleminault 2013, Camacho 2015, Camacho 2018). Recent evidence has supported its usage in children with residual OSA following adenotonsillectomy (Villa 2015, Guilleminault 2017, Felicio 2018). Further, OMT may represent a novel paradigm of therapy that may prevent pediatric OSA (Sullivan 2017). Standardized treatment modalities, models for detection of orofacial myofunctional disorders, and clear understanding of the related phenotypes, however, are yet to be established.

This symposium will critically evaluate the recent evidence on OMT, while exploring what is known clinically that may be of immediate interest to those working in sleep medicine who wish to apply a robust, multidisciplinary approach including dentists, ENT, orthodontic, pulmonary, and OMT intervention.

Upon Completion of this CME activity, participants should be able to...

• Describe how maldevelopment of specific structural components of the craniofacial respiratory complex in early childhood can be associated with sleep and airway morbidity.

• Employ a clinical decision making model to help determine when to implement OMT in children suspected with OSA.

• Critically evaluate MFT as clinical treatment tool and as a variable for inclusion in current and future research.

• Explore the relationship between mouth breathing patterns, tongue restriction, posture, and sleep disordered breathing.
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