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• large volume tissue losses are called “defects
• Defects are generally reconstructed by plastic reconstruction “reconstruction.” Some defects cannot be repaired with operative methods, rehabilitated by prosthetic method, rehabilitation aims to regain the lost abilities with artificial materials
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a. according to the support

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1. Cleft lip and palate
2. Craniofacial cleft

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1. Prognathism or retrognathism
2. Soft tissue anomalies
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4. Skeletal anomalies

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2. Extra-oral Defects
3. Combined Defects Basic Concepts
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- Restoration of function
- Protection of tissues
- Therapeutic or healing effect
- Psychologic therapy
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• In cases that received radiotherapy

• the defect cannot be closed with the patient’s own tissues

• the patient’s age, health, or solvency cannot withstand surgical reconstruction
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1. Should be easily placed and removed,
2. Should fix the lost function,
3. The appearance should be close to normal,
4. Should be easily cleaned,
5. Should be long lasting and resistant,
6. Should not have dimensional changes
7. Should be light and easy to make
MATERIALS

Ideal **Requisites** Of Maxillofacial Materials……

1. Biocompatibility
2. Flexibility
3. Color and translucency
4. Chemical and environmental stability
5. Thermal conductivity
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6. Ease of Processing
7. Strength –
8. Ease of duplication
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10. Dimensional stability
Criteria For Maxillofacial Materials

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2. Intrinsic and extrinsic Coloration possible
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- Wings of nose (ala)
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The ear

- Helix
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Anatomy of the Ear

Three Main Sections

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Oral cavity
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Anatomy of the oral cavity (mouth) (Figure 24.7)

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Figure 8.53 Oral group of facial muscles.
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Cephalometric Evaluation

- Identification of anatomic landmarks
- Landmarks: stable reference structures maxillary and mandibular skeletal and dental
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Lateral skull’s x-ray: the red line indicates the arbitrary axis-orbital plane, whilst the green line shows the Frankfurt plane.
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[Image of a skeletal vertical view with labeled points S, N, Go, Me]
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- Facial tissue layers age interdependently, contributing to overall facial appearance.
- Changes in one tissue layer have an effect on the other layers.
Skin

- With age, skin undergoes several changes.
  - More likely to wrinkle or sag
  - Reduction in collagen
  - Thinner
  - Drier
  - Less elastic
A youthful look depends on having the right amount of facial fat in right places.

Redistribution, accumulation, and atrophy of fat lead to facial volume loss:

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There is a significant loss of **facial bone** with age. Aging of the craniofacial skeleton may be due to changes in relative **dynamics** of bone expansion and bone resorption. Without the structural support of bone, there are noticeable changes in the other layers of overlying soft tissue and skin.
Signs of Facial Aging

Greater visibility of bony landmarks, lines and wrinkles
✓ Prominence of transverse forehead lines
✓ Nasolabial folds become more prominent
✓ Hollowing of the midface (loose skin)
✓ Changes in area around the mouth (vertical wrinkles, lip thinning and flattening)
✓ Development of prejowl depression
Fine lines around the eyes are often the first visible sign of skin aging and are known as ‘crow’s feet’ or ‘laughter lines’. This is because the thinner skin in this area is more prone to developing lines than elsewhere on the face.
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Aging

- **INTRINSIC SKIN AGING** (chronologic aging) or normal aging
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(chronologic aging)

- **Inevitable** natural aging process that occurs in all people
- Occurs as part of a pre-programmed degeneration within cells and extracellular matrix in all skin layers.
- Although begin in 20’s, visible signs are not apparent for many decades.
- Intrinsic aging proceeds at highly variable rates between different people.
Aged skin has increased rigidity. Important in age-related loss of elasticity of the skin.

Older individuals are more susceptible to vitamin D3 deficiency in absence of regular sun exposure.

Decreased levels of estrogen are associated with loss of collagen and increased wrinkling.
INTRINSIC SKIN CHANGES

- **Epidermis**
  - Keratinocytes demonstrate slower turnover.
  - Keratin sloughs more slowly with thickening of keratin layer.
  - Melanocytes decrease in number and produce less melanin.
  - Uneven melanin pigment distribution.
  - Flattening of the epidermis-dermis junction. Prone to blistering.
Dermis

- Fibroblasts – Decreased number and less collagen production.
- Collagen – Decreased quantity. Abnormal, weakened structure.
- Elastin – Thickened fibers with less elasticity.
- Matrix – Decreased quantity.
- Blood vessels – Dilated, thinned and weakened walls, prone to rupture.
Skin Changes with Aging

Young skin

Aged skin

- Fibroblast
- Collagen
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- Hyaluronic acid

Hyaluronic acid
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Graph showing changes in skin components over age:
- Hyaluronic acid decreases with age.
- Collagen decreases with age.
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Subcutaneous Layer

- **Fat loss** and thinning..
- Fewer blood vessels.
- Sweat glands - decreased.
- Sebaceous glands – **Fewer** with less sebum production.
- **Hair shafts** – fewer and thinner with less pigment.
20s
Environmental damage and constant exposure to damaging UV rays begin to take their toll on skin. Free radicals attack the skin’s structural integrity. Cell renewal and turnover rates begin to decline.

30s
In our 30s, collagen and elastin degrade, resulting in our first wrinkles. Cell renewal and turnover continue to decline, leading to a duller complexion and uneven skin tone.

40s
By our 40s, the skin is thinner, barrier lipids are not as pronounced and dehydration can be an issue. More prominent signs of skin aging may also appear, such as dark spots and significant dullness.

50s+
The protective barrier lipid layer lessens, leading to less efficiency in retaining moisture and more potential for sensitivity and dehydration. Skin shows wrinkles, fine lines and pigmentation.
EXTRINSIC AGING

Outside factors that accelerate intrinsic aging.

- Photoaging
- Smoking
- Malnutrition
- Hormonal Disorders
- Chronic Disease States
- Repetitive facial expressions
- Gravity
Photoaging

- Photoaged skin shows
- deep coarse wrinkling,
- excessive dryness,
- severe brown spots
- dry leathery texture when compared to intrinsically aged skin
Smoking

- Acts primarily via vasoconstriction of blood vessels going to and through skin layers.
- Decreased blood flow results in
  - decreased nutrients,
  - decreased oxygen supply
  - increased inflammatory byproducts (free radical oxidation byproducts).
- Net effect
  - decreased collagen production and turnover,
  - poor quality collagen and elastin,
  - decreased quantity of matrix components and less gland secretions.
Gravity

- Constantly pulls on bodies.
- In 50s, when skin’s elasticity declines dramatically, effects of gravity become evident.
- Causes tip of nose to droop, ears to elongate, eyelids to fall, jowls to form, and upper lip to disappear while lower lip becomes more pronounced.
AGING SKIN CAUSES:

- Increased discoloration, brown spots, rough texture, and loss of moisture and collagen.
- Lines and wrinkles
- Drooping skin in the cheek area
- Sagging skin along the jawline
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- Reticular

**Subcutaneous fatty tissue**
- Sweat duct
- Nerve
- Capillary
- Sweat gland
- Vein
- Artery
Aging

- INTRINSIC SKIN AGING (chronologic aging) or normal
- EXTRINSIC AGING
INTRINSIC SKIN AGING
(chronologic aging)

- **Inevitable** natural aging process that occurs in all people
- Occurs as part of a pre-programmed degeneration within cells and extracellular matrix in all skin layers.
- Although begin in 20’s, visible signs are not apparent for many decades.
- Intrinsic aging proceeds at highly variable rates between different people
Aged skin has increased rigidity. Important in age-related loss of elasticity of the skin.

Older individuals are more susceptible to vitamin D3 deficiency in absence of regular sun exposure.

Decreased levels of estrogen are associated with loss of collagen and increased wrinkling.
INTRINSIC SKIN CHANGES

- **Epidermis**
  - Keratinocytes demonstrate slower turnover.
  - Keratin sloughs more slowly with thickening of keratin layer.
  - Melanoctyes decrease in number and produce less melanin.
  - Uneven melanin pigment distribution.
  - Flattening of the epidermis-dermis junction. Prone to blistering.
Dermis

- **Fibroblasts** – Decreased number and less collagen production.
- **Collagen** – Decreased quantity. Abnormal, weakened structure.
- **Elastin** – Thickened fibers with less elasticity.
- **Matrix** – Decreased quantity.
- **Blood vessels** – Dilated, thinned and weakened walls, prone to rupture.
Skin Changes with Aging

Young skin

Aged skin

Fibroblast
Collagen
Elastin
Hyaluronic acid

Hyaluronic acid
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Age

30 40 50 60
Subcutaneous Layer

- Fat loss and thinning..
- Fewer blood vessels.
- Sweat glands - decreased.
- Sebaceous glands – Fewer with less sebum production.
- Hair shafts – fewer and thinner with less pigment.
20s
Environmental damage and constant exposure to damaging UV rays begin to take their toll on skin. Free radicals attack the skin’s structural integrity. Cell renewal and turnover rates begin to decline.

30s
In our 30s, collagen and elastin degrade, resulting in our first wrinkles. Cell renewal and turnover continue to decline, leading to a duller complexion and uneven skin tone.

40s
By our 40s, the skin is thinner, barrier lipids are not as pronounced and dehydration can be an issue. More prominent signs of skin aging may also appear, such as dark spots and significant dullness.

50s+
The protective barrier lipid layer lessens, leading to less efficiency in retaining moisture and more potential for sensitivity and dehydration. Skin shows wrinkles, fine lines and pigmentation.
EXTRINSIC AGING

Outside factors that accelerate intrinsic aging.
- Photoaging
- Smoking
- Malnutrition
- Hormonal Disorders
- Chronic Disease States
- Repetitive facial expressions
- Gravity
Photoaging

- Photoaged skin shows
- deep coarse wrinkling,
- excessive dryness,
- severe brown spots
- dry leathery texture when compared to intrinsically aged skin
Smoking

- Acts primarily via vasoconstriction of blood vessels going to and through skin layers.
- Decreased blood flow results in
  - decreased nutrients,
  - decreased oxygen supply
  - increased inflammatory byproducts (free radical oxidation byproducts).
- Net effect
  - decreased collagen production and turnover,
  - poor quality collagen and elastin,
  - decreased quantity of matrix components and less gland secretions.
Gravity

- Constantly pulls on bodies.
- In 50s, when skin’s elasticity declines dramatically, effects of gravity become evident.
- Causes tip of nose to droop, ears to elongate, eyelids to fall, jowls to form, and upper lip to disappear while lower lip becomes more pronounced
AGING SKIN CAUSES:

- Increased discoloration, brown spots, rough texture, and loss of moisture and collagen.
- Lines and wrinkles
- Drooping skin in the cheek area
- Sagging skin along the jawline

AGE: 26
Daughter

AGE: 64
Mother
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B-The palate

- They are both divided into right and left by a longitudinal midline suture.
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B-The palate

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- is the unossified part of the palate. It attaches to the posterior rim of the hard palate.
- Medially, a posterior extension, the uvula or the velum extends downwards and acts as a valve for the pharyngeal cavity.
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- The soft palate contains a series of muscles, numerous minor salivary glands and some lymphatic tissues and a dense network of elastic fibers which together with the muscles of the pharynx form a sphincter that opens and closes the orifice between the nasal cavities superiorly and the oro-pharyngeal cavity inferiorly.
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Maxillary obturator: lab technique

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Techniques:

Several techniques are used for the fabrication of hollow bulb obturator. The commonly used ones are:

1. two piece hollow obturator
2. one piece hollow obturator
FABRICATION OF ONE PIECE HOLLOW BULB OBTURATOR

(According to Challan and Barnett) Procedure:

1. Try the trial denture in the mouth and make necessary modifications.
2. Waxup the denture after the try in.
3. Invest the denture in the flask in the usual manner.
4. Boil out the wax in the conventional manner.
5. Block out the undercut area in the cast of the defect.
Construction of autopolymerizing acrylic resin shim

- Relieve the entire defect area with one thickness of base plate wax.
- Place three stops in the wax which will be deep enough to reach the underlying stone of the master cast.
- Place one thickness of base plate wax in the top half of the flask over the teeth and palate area to form the top wall of the shim. This will provide space for heat cure acrylic resin on the palatal side of the denture.
• Make the autopolymerizing acrylic resin and allow it to come to a dough consistency.
• Contour a layer of dough consistency acrylic resin over the wax relief.
• Close the flask, Allow the resin to cure for 15 min.
Flush the wax from the acrylic resin shim with a steam of boiled water
• Trim all the excess of acrylic resin from the shim.
• Replace the heat cure acrylic resin shim using 3 stops for correct positioning. At this stage see that there is at least one thickness base plate wax between the shim and the cast.
Placement of acrylic resin shim and denture processing

• Mix the heat cure acrylic resin in the usual manner.
• Place a layer of acrylic resin in the bottom of the defect.
• Reinsert the processed acrylic resin shim over the still soft acrylic resin mix in the defect.
• Add more acrylic resin to the top half of the flask and packing is done.
• Cure the resin in the usual manner.
• Deflask it and trim and polish in usual manner.
Maxillary obturator with silicone-lined hollow extension (Takashi Ohyama, and Gold 1975)
The hollow extension consists of two layers of different materials. The exterior of the hollow extension, which is in apposition with the defect, is coated with a soft, resilient silicone. The interior of the hollow extension is fabricated of hard self-curing acrylic resin. The resiliency of the outer surface of the hollow extension facilitates insertion of the prosthesis into deep undercuts, providing for improved retention while minimizing the tissue irritation.
Fabrication:-

• Step 1. Investing the obturator. Invest the wax dentur-obturator in a flask, and boil out the wax in the conventional manner.
• Making the shim in self curing acrylic resin:
• Outline the seat, cut keys for the shim in the stone of the bottom half of the flask. The seat should encircle perforated palate, measuring about 3-5mm in width and extending laterally 1-2mm.
• To maintain the relationship of the shim to the cast, 3 cone shaped keys should be cut within the stone of the seat of the shim. The cone shaped keys relate the shim to its proper seat.
• Place **2 sheets** of base plate wax over the mould of the defect in the flask to provide space for the silicone between shim and the defect. Fill all remaining undercuts with wax so that the shim, made from self-curing acrylic resin, can be removed.

• For **relief**, place one thickness of baseplate wax over the teeth and palatal part of the mold on the side of the palatal defect in the top half of the flask. This wax will provide space for a **thickness** of heat-curing acrylic resin over the oral aspect of the prosthesis.
• Paint a layer of thin foil substitute on the wax relief and keyed seat for the shim. Put a mixture self-curing acrylic resin into the top and bottom halves of flask on the relief wax, and spread the resin evenly to approximate one or two thickness of baseplate wax. Then, close the flask.
• Completely flush the wax away from the cured resin shim.
• Drill holes with a No.3 round bur at $\frac{1}{2}$ inch intervals through the tip of the shim which communicates with the space for silicone.
Before packing the heat cure acrylic resin the silicone escape holes in the shim are cleaned out and closed by adding self-curing acrylic resin.
✓ Premade shim is then pressed into position over the silicone.
✓ Packing is done.
✓ Place the flask in a 165°F water bath for 9 hours.
✓ Trim and polish the acrylic resin parts of the obturator, trim the silicone flash with scissors, a sharp blade, or abrasive finishing wheels.
FABRICATION OF TWO PIECE HOLLOW BULB OBTURATOR (According to Palmer and Coffey in 1985)

- **Method:**
  1. Make an impression that includes the palatal defect to be obturated.
  2. Pour a stone cast, separate, and key at the border of the cast.
- Apply a suitable separating media to the stone surface
- Clay is sculpted to the palatal defect and missing alveolus
• Pour a plaster (plaster cap) over the clay, including the keys in the master cast.
• Remove the plaster cap when it sets, take out the clay and discard it.
• Coat the tissue side of the plastic cap with a suitable separating media.
• Apply thin layer of self cure acrylic resin to the defect (E) and tissue surface of the plaster cap (F). Soft acrylic resin is added into the border of E and F and into the border of D adjacent to E.
• Invert the plastic cap and F into the master cast. Be sure the acrylic resin is kept moist with monomer before closure.
• Check the key for the proper fit and allow the acrylic resin to cure.
• Remove and finish the bulb in usual manner
Simplified method of making a hollow obturator (Victor Matalon in 1986)

- Method:
  - Invest the impression for obturator in a flask in the normal manner
  - Remove the impression material.
  - Place separating medium on the investment surface
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FABRICATION OF ONE PIECE HOLLOW BULB OBTURATOR

(According to Challan and Barnett) Procedure:

1. Try the trial denture in the mouth and make necessary modifications.
2. Waxup the denture after the try in.
3. Invest the denture in the flask in the usual manner.
4. Boil out the wax in the conventional manner.
5. Block out the undercut area in the cast of the defect
Construction of autopolymerizing acrylic resin shim

- Relieve the entire defect area with one thickness of base plate wax.
- Place three stops in the wax which will be deep enough to reach the underlying stone of the master cast.
- Place one thickness of base plate wax in the top half of the flask over the teeth and palate area to form the top wall of the shim. This will provide space for heat cured acrylic resin on the palatal side of the denture.
• Make the autopolymerizing acrylic resin and allow it to come to a dough consistency.
• Contour a layer of dough consistency acrylic resin over the wax relief.
• Close the flask, Allow the resin to cure for 15 min.
• Flush the wax from the acrylic resin shim with a steam of boiled water
• Trim all the excess of acrylic resin from the shim.
• Replace the heat cure acrylic resin shim using 3 stops for correct positioning. At this stage see that there is at least one thickness base plate wax between the shim and the cast.
Placement of acrylic resin shim and denture processing

- Mix the heat-cure acrylic resin in the usual manner.
- Place a layer of acrylic resin in the bottom of the defect.
- Reinsert the processed acrylic resin shim over the still soft acrylic resin mix in the defect.
- Add more acrylic resin to the top half of the flask and packing is done.
- Cure the resin in the usual manner.
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Maxillary obturator with silicone-lined hollow extension (Takashi Ohyama, and Gold 1975)

The hollow extension consists of two layers of different materials. The exterior of the hollow extension, which is in apposition with the defect, is coated with a soft, resilient silicone. The interior of the hollow extension is fabricated of hard self-curing acrylic resin. The resiliency of the outer surface of the hollow extension facilitates insertion of the prosthesis into deep undercuts, providing for improved retention while minimizing the tissue irritation.
Fabrication:

- Step 1. Investing the obturator. Invest the wax dentur-obturator in a flask, and boil out the wax in the conventional manner.
Making the shim in self curing acrylic resin:
- Outline the seat, cut keys for the shim in the stone of the bottom half of the flask. The seat should encircle perforated palate, measuring about 3-5mm in width and extending laterally 1-2mm.
- To maintain the relationship of the shim to the cast, 3 cone shaped keys should be cut within the stone of the seat of the shim. The cone shaped keys relate the shim to its proper seat.
• Place **2 sheets** of base plate wax over the mould or the defect in the flask to **provide space for the silicone** between shim and the defect. Fill all remaining undercuts with wax so that the shim, made from self-curing acrylic resin, can be removed.

• For **relief**, place one thickness of baseplate wax over the teeth and palatal part of the mold on the side of the palatal defect in the top half of the flask. This wax will **provide space for a thickness** of heat-curing acrylic resin over the oral aspect of the prosthesis.
• Paint a layer of **thin foil** substitute on the wax relief and keyed seat for the shim. Put a mixture self-curing acrylic resin into the top and bottom halves of flask on the relief wax, and spread the resin evenly to approximate one or two thickness of baseplate wax. Then, close the flask.
• Completely flush the wax away from the cured resin shim.
• Drill holes with a No.3 round bur at $\frac{1}{2}$ inch intervals through the tip of the shim which communicates with the space for silicone.
Before packing the heat cure acrylic resin the silicone escape holes in the shim are cleaned out and closed by adding self-curing acrylic resin.
Premade shim is then pressed into position over the silicone.
Packing is done.
Place the flask in a 165°F water bath for 9 hours.
Trim and polish the acrylic resin parts of the obturator, trim the silicone flash with scissors, a sharp blade, or abrasive finishing wheels.
FABRICATION OF TWO PIECE HOLLOW BULB OBTURATOR (According to Palmer and Coffey in 1985)

Method:
1. Make an impression that includes the palatal defect to be obturated.
2. Pour a stone cast, separate, and key at the border of the cast.
- Apply a suitable separating media to the stone surface
- Clay is sculpted to the palatal defect and missing alveolus
• Pour a plaster (plaster cap) over the clay, including the keys in the master cast.
• Remove the plaster cap when it sets, take out the clay and discard it.
• Coat the tissue side of the plastic cap with a suitable separating media.
• Apply thin layer of self cure acrylic resin to the defect (E) and tissue surface of the plaster cap (F). - Soft acrylic resin is added into the border of E and F and into the border of D adjacent to E.
• Invert the plastic cap and F into the master cast. Be sure the acrylic resin is kept moist with monomer before closure.
• Check the key for the proper fit and allow the acrylic resin to cure.
• Remove and finish the bulb in usual manner
Simplified method of making a hollow obturator (Victor Matalon in 1986)

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  - Invest the impression for obturator in a flask in the normal manner.
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- Respiration
- Vocal resonance
- Secretion of mucus by mucous membrane to lubricate the pharynx
- Provides drainage to nose, oral cavity, middle ear
Functions of Nasopharynx

- Airway for passage of air into larynx, trachea and lungs
- Hearing – middle ear ventilation, maintains air pressure
- Resonance for voice production
- Drainage for nasal and nasopharyngeal secretions
- Prevents aspiration (Nasopharyngeal isthmus closes during, swallowing, vomiting, speech..)
Functions of Oropharynx

- Common conduit for air and food
- Deglutition
- Vocal resonance
- Taste sensation (tongue base, soft palate, anterior pillar, posterior pharyngeal wall)
- Local defence and immunity (Waldeyer’s ring)
Functions of Laryngopharynx

- Common conduit for air and food
- Voice resonance
- Deglutition
Palato (velo) pharyngeal mechanism

The velopharyngeal mechanism is a coordinated valve formed by the muscles of the soft palate and pharynx.
Muscles forming the velopharyngeal sphincter

Muscles forming the palate, these are:
- Levator veli palatini muscle
- Tensor veli palatini muscle
- Palato glossus muscle

- Palato pharyngus muscle
- Uvula muscle, which is the intrinsic muscle of the velum

Muscles forming the pharynx, these are:
- Superior constrictor muscle
- Salpingo pharynges muscle
- Palato pharyngus muscle which has two portions, the pharyngo palatal portion and the thyro-palatal portion
The levator veli palatini muscle and the superior constrictor muscles play the dominant role in velo-pharyngeal mechanism especially during closure of the nasal cavity. The levator veli palatini muscle is a long muscle and provides a wide range of movement necessary in moving the velum from the relaxed rest position to a fully elevated position.
pharynx shares in palato pharyngeal mechanism by:

* Movement of the posterior wall of the pharynx forwards. This is done by the action of the superior constrictor muscle aided by the pharyngo palatalportion of the palato pharyngus muscle.

* Movement of the lateral walls of the pharynx medially to close the last gap between the lateral aspect of soft palate and lateral walls of pharynx. This is done by the action of the salpingo pharynges muscle.

* The posterior pharyngeal muscles contracts strongly and produces a bunch-up forming a prominent ridge or pad called “Ridge of Passavant”. This helps to approximate the soft palate and pharynx,
Ridge of Passavant

The ridge of Passavant is a horizontal roll of muscles on the posterior wall of the pharynx forming a bunching-up of the posterior pharyngeal wall. It is present at the level of the palate which corresponds to the level of the atlas vertebra. It is usually more evident in patients with soft palate defects as a compensating mechanism to aid in speech and swallowing. It also serves as a guide for placement of soft palate prostheses.
Velopharyngeal insufficiency:

Palato pharyngeal insufficiency is a condition characterized by abnormal anatomy of the palate in the form of absence, short length or cleft in the tissues of the soft palate. This could be congenital, or due to acquired causes as resection of soft palate or lateral pharyngeal wall. This condition results in inability to perform palato pharyngeal mechanism. Prosthetic rehabilitation is achieved by palato pharyngeal obturator (speech bulb) or by meatle obturator.
complications

- feeding difficulties
  Feeding difficulties occur more with cleft palate abnormalities. The infant may be unable to suck properly because the roof of the mouth is not formed completely.

- ear infections and hearing loss
  Ear infections are often due to a dysfunction of the tube that connects the middle ear and the throat. Recurrent infections can then lead to hearing loss.
- **speech and language delay**
  Due to the opening of the roof of the mouth and the lip, muscle function may be decreased, which can lead to a delay in speech or abnormal speech. *(hypernasal speech)* due to Velopharyngeal incompetence.

- **dental problems**
  As a result of the abnormalities, teeth may not erupt normally and orthodontic treatment is usually required.
Airway:
- Major respiratory obstruction is uncommon
- Hypoxic episodes during sleep and feeding are life threatening
- Intermittent airway obstruction is more frequent and managed by nursing the baby prone
Thank you
Cleft palate: treatment
soft palate obturator prosthesis

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1- Restoration of masticatory apparatus.
2- Restoration of speech.
3- Prevent foods from enter the nose and prevent nasal secretion from enter the mouth.
4- Improve the esthetics of the patient by restoring the missing part of ridge and teeth.
5- Improve psychological condition of the patient.

Objectives of cleft palate prosthesis:
A - In unoperated cases:

1. A wide cleft with a deficient soft palate that cannot function properly after surgery.


3. Partial or complete paralysis of the soft palate remnants.

4. In patients with neuromuscular disease affecting the soft palate and pharynx resulting in velopharyngeal incompetence.

Indication of maxillofacial prosthesis:
A-In unoperated cases:

5. Absence of the premaxilla.
6. Patients with poor general health.
7. The cleft palate may be temporarily closed with speech aid, when surgery is delayed.
8. When orthodontic appliance (e.g. expansion appliance or appliance to correct teeth position) is indicated.

Indication of maxillofacial prosthesis:
1. Failure of surgery to close the defect completely.
2. When the soft palate movement is inactive or completely absent or the soft palate is short causing incompetent palatopharyngeal closure.
3. A transitional prosthesis to provide certain function, e.g. feeding appliance or appliance to activate the soft tissues of the pharynx for function.

**B- In operated cases:**
1. Easability of surgical repair
2. Uncooperative patient and parents.
3. Uncontrolled dental caries as rampant caries.
5. Lack of dentist who has had training in cleft palate prosthodontics.

Contra-indications for maxillofacial prosthesis
Prosthetic devices used in management of congenital cleft palate
An obturator is an appliance, which corrects openings in the hard palate, soft palate or both. The prosthetic treatment consists of the construction of an obturator or an artificial palate for closing the cleft and restoring the function of speech and swallowing.

1. Obturators
The orthopedic appliances are of two types:

a-The passive or holding type.

b- The active or expansion type.

2. Orthopedic treatment
The *palatal portion* composed of two separate lateral sections covering the hard palate and united by expansion device. In the predental eruption period. The prosthesis cover the alveolar ridge and extend to the mucobuccal fold. When the teeth are erupted the prosthesis is extended to the lingual surface of the teeth and retained by wire claspe.

The *pharyngeal portion* may be constructed in some cases to improve the speech and deglutition.

The expansion prosthesis is **consists of** palatal portion and pharyngeal portion.
In case of malposed teeth an orthodontic appliance may be combined with a prosthesis to move malposed teeth into a more favorable alignment. A speech appliance prosthesis could be designed for patient receiving full band orthodontic treatment.

3. Combined prothesis and orthodontic appliance
1. Preoperative devices for children:
   1. Feeding devices
   2. Expansion prosthesis.
3. Cleft palate prosthesis for adult (definitive obturator)

Obturators used for treatment of congenital cleft palate
The importance of feeding appliances:
Most infants with cleft lip and palate are unable to nurse from the breast or bottle. Since normal feeding is impossible, a more upright position of the baby, and a bottle with large hole nipple may compensate for the slow flow of milk or fluid associated with defective feeding. Sometimes Nasogastric tube is used for feeding.

The repeated pressure of the tongue on the nipple forces it upwards against the edges of the cleft and tends to increase the width of the cleft.

**Prosthetic rehabilitation of congenital cleft palate (in children)**

**Feeding devices:**
All these difficult conditions make the construction of the feeding device essential to separate the oral cavity from the nasal cavity and thus, facilitate food intake and reduce irritation prior to surgical closure.
The feeding devices consists of an acrylic plate, constructed from a low fusing compound impression.

A mass of **softened compound** is placed on suitable tray or on the convex surface of the spatula and mould it to the shape of block of the needed size. Then compound is inserted into the baby’s mouth to the back of the pharynx and with light upward and forward movement, so that the edges of the cleft leaves their marks on the block.

The compound impression is taken out by moving the spatula from the front to back and then downward and forward. The impression is poured in stone and allowed to set before separation. A plate of softened wax is adapted on the lingopalatine surface of the model formed the palatine wings of the obturator. The wax is replaced by acrylic resin using the routine method of flanking, then finishing and polishing are done.

**Construction:**
The expansion prosthesis may be constructed with pharyngeal portion to improve the speech and deglutition.

2. Expansion prosthesis
1-Fixed pharyngeal obturator (speech aid)
The fixed pharyngeal obturator is an extension of a denture projecting into the pharynx to the level of the anterior arch of the atlas bone or Passavant’s ridge.

They are temporary appliances usually constructed for adolescents (between 11-20 years) till they reach complete growth.

Normal lateral growth of the palatal bones necessitates replacement of this prosthesis occasionally. Intermittent revisions of the obturator section can assist in maintenance of palatopharyngeal closure.

Appliances for habilitation of congenital cleft palate (for adolescents):
1. Socially acceptable speech.
2. Restoration of masticating apparatus.
3. Prevent the seepage of nasal secretion into the oral cavity.
4. Facial esthetics and dental harmony.
5. Improve psychological condition of the patient.

Objectives:
1. The prosthesis must be designed to suit the patient regarding his oral and facial condition, masticatory function, and speech.

2. The prosthesis must preserve the remaining structures.

3. The prosthesis requires greater retention and support.

4. Closed vertical dimension is more suitable in cleft palate patients.

5. Minimum weight should be kept. The material used should be easily repaired and altered.

6. Soft tissue pressure in the velar and naso-pharyngeal areas by the appliance must be avoided.

7. The prosthesis must not be displaced by velum, lateral and posterior pharyngeal wall muscle activities or tongue movement during swallowing and speech production.

8. Pharyngeal section should be properly placed. The superior surface of the pharyngeal section must be at the level of the palatal plane.

**Fixed pharyngeal obturator requirements:**
The speech aid consists of three sections; palatomaxillary section, palatovelar section and pharyngeal section.

a- The **palatomaxillary section**: It covers the cleft of the hard palate, and may be constructed in the form of partial or complete denture.

b- The **palatovelar section** or tailpiece: It supplements the palatal cleft and must remain in lateral contact with the soft palatal muscles during function or rest.

c. The **pharyngeal section** (speech bulb): It extends posteriorly into the pharyngeal cavity to be surrounded by the sphincteric action of the pharyngeal muscles during swallowing and speech.

**Sections of speech aid**
1. **Preliminary impression:**
Prior to taking the impression the undercuts in the palatal cleft is packed with vaseline gauze. An alginate impression is taken in a suitable stock tray and cast is poured.

2. **Final impression:**
An acrylic special tray is constructed and the final impression is taken with rubber base or alginate impression material. The deep undercuts in the hard palatal cleft should be packed with vaseline gauze prior to taking impression.

**Construction:**
If the patient is edentulous the upper denture should have an upward extension that engages undercuts in the cleft to help retention.

If the patient is dentulous the working model is surveyed and the cleft in the hard palate filled in with plaster of paris to reproduce the contour of a normal palate. On this prepared model a record block is constructed. Jaw relation is recorded in the usual manner and the casts are articulated.

3. Recording jaw relation:
The artificial teeth are set in positions demanded by appearance and occlusion.

At the try-in the usual points are checked and a wire loop made of German silver or stainless steel is bent and attached with sticky wax to the base of the trial denture. This loop should be adjusted by bending and altering its position in the wax until it lie along the center of the cleft of the soft palate, without contact with its remnants or with the posterior pharyngeal wall when a prolonged "ah" is sounded.
Interim Speech Aids

Soft palate obturators are fabricated in the usual fashion (see “Restoration of Soft Palate Defects” FFOFR.org)

- Fabricate palatal stent with adequate retention.
- Gradually develop the pharyngeal extension.
- When the child is has accommodated to the pharyngeal extension, develop the obturator portion.
In some cases where difficulty to the wearing of the denture is anticipated it is desirable to leave the wire loop off the denture and allowing the patient to wear the denture for few weeks until it is quite comfortable. The wire loop may than be added to the denture with cold cure resin to avoid the induce of extra strains in the acrylic by a second processing.
After the denture has been completed and fitted, a tailpiece must be made and attached to the back edge of the denture and positioned at a level just below the soft palate when assumes fully relaxation. If the tailpiece is positioned at higher level, discomfort and pressure sores will occur when the soft palate relaxes. If on the other hand the level of the tailpiece is much below that assumed by the relaxed soft palate, then it will cause discomfort by obstructing the movements of the tongue.
A piece of soft modeling compound is added on the wire loop that attached to the end of the velar section. The denture with the soft compound is inserted into the mouth and the patient is requested to swallow, say “ah” move his head up and down and then from side to side while the compound is still soft. A drink of warm water or hot tea will facilitate swallowing. The denture is removed, cleaned, dried and the compound is inspected and reheated then reinserted in the mouth and the patient is asked to do the same previously described movements using stick compound to correct the impression section by section.

Construction of speech bulb
Impression wax softened in water bath maintained at 51 - 64 C painted over the green compound with a brush. The denture carrying the compound and wax is inserted to the patient's mouth and the same previously described movements are performed. The prosthesis is removed and reinserted several times with gradual adjustment to the speech bulb until a satisfactory functional impression is made. The impression wax has the advantage that it can stay soft in the mouth for relatively long period for better registration of the functional movement.
The size of the bulb should be adjusted until the patient can breathe clearly through the nose and produce acceptable nasal sounds. If the patient is sensitive enough to produce a gag reflex, the speech bulb should be made underextended using self curing resin, allowing the patient to wear the denture for few weeks until he is accustomed to the underextended bulb, then the final impression of the speech bulb is taken.
The black gutta-percha can also be used to make impression for the speech bulb. This material can be fully adjusted to fit the movements of the pharynx and palatal remnants before being processed in acrylic resin.

The black gutta-percha has the advantage of remaining soft enough to be moulded by the pharyngeal musculature for about 5 minutes after each heating, while at the same time remaining sufficiently viscous to support its own weight. It is therefore deformed by muscular pressure and then retains the shape impressed on it by that pressure. The final details should be registered by zinc oxide paste.
A special large flask is used for curing the tailpiece into clear acrylic resin.

If the speech bulb is not too large and the denture is well retained, the speech bulb can be made of solid acrylic. If however, the speech bulb is large, or if the denture is poorly retained due to there being only a few nature teeth present in the upper jaw or if it is a full upper denture, then the speech bulb should be made hollow to reduce the weight of the appliance.
when the palate is cleft a **problem of how a fixed obturator** which can fit the cleft in both the functions of speaking and swallowing will developed.

The solution of this problem may include the following. In relation to the function of an obturator it is suggested that the patient must learn new speech habits.
The gripping of the bulb during swallowing is a basic principle which must be mastered.

The action in producing the palatal consonants is horizontal instead of vertical and involves the gripping of the pulb as in swallowing.

The plane of location of the obturator must be in the plane of action of the palatopharyngeal sphincter or bulge of passavant so the individual can gripping it with his ring or sphincter mechanism and squeezing the remnants of the soft palate against it.
In practice an obturator is shaped by luting a piece of softened gutta-percha to a wire loop or tail piece extending from the posterior border of the denture along the midline of the cleft into the pharynx. The gutta-percha is then shaped by the muscles as they function.
Part 2
Interim Speech Aids

The bulb is molded with compound and thermoplastic wax.

- The extensions of the prosthesis are developed with dental compound and a thermoplastic wax.
- Following processing the contours and extensions are verified with pressure indicating paste and/or
Interim Speech Aids

A completed speech bulb

Obturator prostheses restore velopharyngeal function very effectively and are well tolerated by the patient. They need to be remade periodically to account for growth and eruption of the permanent dentition.
Obturator prosthesis for failed pharyngeal flaps

Obturators for failed pharyngeal flaps are rarely successful because it is difficult to extend the prosthesis superiorly to engage the movable lateral pharyngeal walls.
Obturator prosthesis for failed pharyngeal flaps

In this patient, the bulb resulted in constant contact with non-mobile pharyngeal tissues, resulting in hyponasal speech. The bulb was discarded and the flap removed.

Velopharyngeal function and normal speech was eventually restored with a new obturator prosthesis after the flap had been removed.
IMPRESSON MAKING Procedure

- Upper and lower perforated stock trays were selected. Upper tray was modified with wax extension into the defect to record the defect.

- Then upper and lower preliminary impressions were made with irreversible hydrocolloid. The upper impression also records the defect.

- Impressions were poured with dental stone to make diagnostic casts.
Lower special tray is fabricated in conventional manner using autopolymerising acrylic resin.
But during the fabrication of upper tray following factors were kept in mind.

- There should be a 5 mm gap between the bulb and posterior pharyngeal wall.
- Angle of the bulb should be approximately 20° relative to the palatal plane.
- Keeping in mind all these criteria upper special tray was fabricated with autopolymerising acrylic resin having pharyngeal extension.

Impression of the defect area was made with modeling plastic wax.
• Border molding was accomplished by recording all the functional movements of the soft palate, i.e., by asking the patient to tilt her head side-to-side and front-back when sitting upright.

• the patient is instructed to flex the neck fully to achieve contact of the chin to the chest. This movement will establish contact of the middle third of the soft palate with the soft tissue covering the dorsal tubercle of the atlas.

• Lateral aspects of the lift are formed by rotation and flexion of the neck to achieve chin contact with the right and left shoulder respectively.
• Check indentation made by the ant. And posterior tonsillar pillars, the tori tubari, passavant’s pas, and the anterior tubercule of the atlas.

• Shiny area will indicate the lack of tissue contact.

• Activated pharyngeal musculature will displaced the excess modeling plastic superiorly and inferiorly and these excess should be trimmed.
• If the position and contours of the obturators are satisfactory, reduced all extension approximately by 1mm.

• Add thermoplastic wax because this will ensure the overextension of obturator.

• Contour modification are done if required.
• Oral surface should be concave to provide space for tongue.

• Superior surface should be convex and well polished to facilitate the deflection of nasal secretion into oropharynx.

• Area of excessive pressure are relieved using pressure indicating paste on lateral and posterior wall.
Placement of thermoplastic corrective wax onto oropharyngeal extension.
A. Thermoplastic corrective wax removed from base.
B. Autopolymerizing resin added to space provided by thermoplastic corrective wax.
If hyponasal voice is still evident..then postero-lateral dimensions of the obturator is reduced judiciously.
Size and position of obturator...factors to be consider

1. The closure of soft palate against the posterior pharyngeal wall extends approximately 5-7mm in vertical height with closure at 0 above the level of the palatal plane.

2. At pharyngeal wall activity (middle position of obturator) the speech is is best for patients.
• Lower Border molding was done in conventional manner.

• Boxing was done and impressions were poured with die stone to fabricate master casts.
Procedure for edentulous patient

- Autopolymerising acrylic resin record bases were made. In case of upper record base did not include the pharyngeal extension.

- Jaw relations and try in was done in accordance with for conventional complete denture fabrication procedures.
- After try in was over, all the undercuts of the defect area were blocked with wax.

- Flasking and dewaxing was done. Then dentures were processed with heat cure acrylic resin.

- Lid for the bulb was processed separately with heat curing acrylic resin and was attached to the completed denture with autopolymerising acrylic resin.
Patient found drastic improvement in speech and nasal regurgitation was reduced. Patient was advised to continue her referral to speech therapist.

Once surgical care and speech therapy have been completed, the need for follow-up care is needed unless specific problems manifest. Preventive care is imperative if long-term preservation of the supporting structures is desired.
This obturator aids in closing the remaining fistula and is used when no further surgical procedures are planned.

It must be frequently revised.
Limitations of Prosthetic Devices

- Require insertion and removal
- Have to redo periodically due to growth
- Can be lost or damaged
- May be very uncomfortable
- Compliance is often poor
- Don’t permanently correct the problem
- Many centers use only if surgery is not possible
Speech Bulb
Speech Bulb

- Occludes nasopharynx when the velum is short (velopharyngeal insufficiency)
- Aids in velopharyngeal closure
- Contains pharyngeal section, goes behind soft palate
- Can be combined with an obturator
Thank you
Palatal lift prosthesis

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The Palatal Lift Prosthesis

- This type of prosthesis is designed to displace the soft palate superiorly and posteriorly to assist the soft palate to close with the peripheral pharyngeal tissues.
Indications

• a-Neurologic diseases as myasthenia gravis, cerebrovascular accidents, traumatic brain injuries, and bulbar poliomyelitis.
• B-Injuries to the soft palate as following adenoidectomy, tonsillectomy, or maxillary resections.
• C-Postsurgical cleft palate with insufficient length and movement.
Contraindications

• 1- If adequate retention is not available.
• 2- If the palate is not displaceable.
• 3- Uncooperative patients.
Fig 4-36 (a) Anatomically normal but paralyzed soft palate. (b) Palatal lift prosthesis in position, elevating the soft palate to produce velopharyngeal closure. PP—palatal plane; TA—median tubercle of the atlas. (Adapted from Gonzalez and Aronson\textsuperscript{264} with permission.)
Fig 4-37  (a) Congenital anatomical insufficiency of velopharyngeal region. (b) Palatal lift plus obturator in position elevating the soft palate and obturating the velopharyngeal space. PP—palatal plane; TA—median tubercle of the atlas.
The objective of the palatal lift prosthesis

- To displace the soft palate to the level of normal palatal elevation enabling closure by pharyngeal wall action
- In cases where the length of the soft palate is insufficient to effect closure after maximal displacement, the addition of an obturator behind the displaced soft palate may be necessary. This prosthesis may be used as a diagnostic aid to assess the possible improvement in speech. Some clinicians believe that the use of a palatal lift on an interim basis may stimulate flaccid soft palate to increase functional activity.
The advantages of palatal lift prosthesis

a-The gag response is minimized (because of the superior position and the sustained pressure of the lift portion against the soft palate.
b-The tongue is not changed (because of the superior position of the palatal extension.
c- The access to the nasopharynx for the obturator (if necessary) becomes easier.
d-The lift portion of the prosthesis may be extended gradually to help patient adaptation.
e-Useful treatment for surgically risky patients.
Construction

- The impression is taken using custom tray that extended with baseplate wax to record and displace the soft palate superiorly. A suitable partial denture framework is fabricated and verified.
Construction

- The retentive meshwork or wire loop is extended to cover the anterior two thirds of the soft palate. Modeling plastic is added to the retentive meshwork until the appropriate displacement of the soft palate is achieved. Then a thermoplastic wax is used to record tissue detail. If displacement of the soft palate does not achieve adequate obturation the obturator can be extended behind the deficient soft palate.
• It is important to insure that the lifting force does not create soreness and the force of displacement does not have an adverse effect on the supporting dentition.
Palatal lift prosthesis in edentulous patients
Removable palatal lift prosthesis
Thank you
Feeding obturator
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Cleft lip and palate

- Syndrome
- non-syndromic
Cleft patients problems:

1. feeding difficulties,
2. facial growth deficiency,
3. dental, esthetic, psychological problems,
4. velopharyngeal incompetence,
5. otologic problems like middle ear infection, Eustachian tube dysfunction
6. delayed speech.
7. immediate concern for a newborn is feeding difficulty.
• Feeding problems occurs because child is not able to create sufficient negative intraoral pressure during feeding.
• It also affects bolus organization, bolus retention before swallowing, and also initiation of swallowing itself.
• Feeding is further complicated by, nasal regurgitation, excessive air intake, and burping, coughing, choking and prolonged feeding causing fatigue.
neonatal intervention include:

modified bottles and nipples,
  feeding plates,
  and particular feeding techniques.
If defect is large. Early surgical repair of the palate is a viable option. But usually it needs to be postponed until certain age and weight gain of the infant. Orogastric or nasogastric tube can be used but for limited time. In such patients, feeding obturator is a ray of hope
Benefits of feeding obturator:

1. Create rigid platform against which baby can press the nipple and extract milk.
2. Help in creating negative pressure thus reducing regurgitation, choking and thus reduces time of feeding also.
3. Help in proper tongue position thus preventing its interface in growth of palatal shelves and allowing functional development of jaw.
4. Contribute to speech development.
5. Reduces nasopharyngeal infection preventing food regurgitation in nasopharynx.
DIFFERENT DESIGNS POSSIBLE ARE

Based on material used

1. Heat cure resin
2. Autopolymerising resin
3. Visible light cure resin
4. Clear autopolymerising resin
5. Flexible plates

Based on age of the patient

Days and months:

1. Flexible plates
2. Feeding plate with extraoral elastics
3. Feeding plate with extraoral wire/suture
4. Feeding plate with added nasal stent
5. Feeding plate with cheek pad
6. Overlay type feeding plate

Years:

1. Nance type feeding plate
2. Feeding plate with Jackson’s clasp
Clinical Implications:

1. Flexible plates
2. Feeding plate with extraoral elastics
3. Feeding plate with extraoral Wire/ suture
4. Feeding plate with nasal stent
5. Feeding plate with cheek pad
Passive plates

- The passive plates do not apply any force, they serve to:
- 1. provide an artificial palate for the infant and permit functions like swallowing and feeding in a more normal manner.
- 2. They also serve to prevent the widening of the cleft due to the activity of the tongue.
• Construction of feeding obturator in a day using autopolymerising resin and incorporation of dental floss to avoid gagging and accidental swallowing.
• Fabrication of feeding obturator in a day using autopolymerising resin attaching two 18G orthodontic wire that extend out of mouth to avoid accidental ingestion or aspiration of obturator. Application of some acrylic resin at sharp end of wire to avoid injury to both child and parent.
Vacuum tray fabrication because of its added advantage over acrylic obturator of being mouldable and soft texture with less possibility of soft tissue injury, good fit to ridges and palate and light in weight. But these are not economical, and can cause irritation to palate
Fabrication of pre alveolar nasal molding plate (PNAM) with heat cure clear acrylic resin with retentive acrylic button at 45 degree to occlusal plane in upward direction incorporation of stretchable extra oral elastic in retentive button in a hole that can be retained extraorally.
Fabrication of pre naso alveolar molding plate with nasal stent using clear heat polymerized resin with a extraoral retentive button positioned at 45 degree to occlusal plane on labial flange facing downward. A wire added to upper end of button end of wire coated with permasoft to avoid injury to nasal soft tissue. Nasal cartilage molding is done by applying gentle pressure by activating wire loop.
Nance obturator

- can be used when it is not feasible to close fistula in palate surgically, and removable appliance is also not possible. It is a modified Nance space maintainer with a acrylic plate covering the defect. Advantage is it also acts as space maintainer and we need not to remake it with growth of maxilla.
Active appliances

• **Latham’s appliance**: It is a fixed appliance. It consists of two acrylic plates surgically fitted to palate under general anesthesia that are connected with a hinged bar posteriorly. Manipulation is done by rotating the hinged bar. In the area of the cleft a screw is present. The screw is turned 3/4th of a turn over 3 - 4 week period, every day until it is tight.
Latham’s appliance

- It helps in repositioning of protruding premaxilla in bilateral cleft lip and palate patients, along with expansion of lateral maxillary segments. The advantage of this device is that it allows narrowing of defect by manipulating the palatal segments to desired location and thus make repair of cleft lip easy. Disadvantage is it does not cover the defect.
Jackscrew appliance

- This consists of two acrylic plates fitted over the alveolar segments and attached by single or multiple jackscrews. By adjusting the jackscrew the palatal segments can be manipulated to desired location. And jackscrew also prevents the interference of tongue in cleft closure.
Steps to be followed in fabrication of feeding

- **plates Step 1:**
  - Selection of the impression tray: size of impression tray should be enough to include maxillary segments laterally, cover up maxillary tuberosities posteriorly.
  - Prefabricated trays also are also available commercially (Coe laboratories, Chicago) for cleft lip and palate infants
Step 2: Making Primary impression. The making of the impression in an infant with a cleft palate is a critical procedure.

Step 3: Primary cast was fabricated with type III gypsum product (dental stone).

Step 4: Custom tray fabrication with autopolymerising resin.

Step 5: Final impression made with rubber base impression materials to record precise details.
Step 6: Master cast fabrication and excessive undercut blocking with modeling wax.

Step 7: Wax pattern adaption on master cast.

Step 8: Flasking, dewaxing procedure and feeding plate fabrication with heat cure acrylic resin.

Step 9: Eyelets created on feeding plate to allow silk suture to pass through. Various techniques are used to enhance retention of plate.
Complication encountered while making impression are:

- Engagement of impression in undercuts and its fragmentation during withdrawal causing respiratory obstruction/asphyxiation.
Precautions taken to avoid complications are:

- Impression should be made when the infant is fully awake.
- Impression should be made in proper hospital setting with a surgeon present all the time to handle airway emergency.
- Maintaining airway patency by depressing tongue with mouth mirror.
- Clean remnants of impression material after the procedure.
Precautions taken to avoid complications are:

- Infant has not had food for at least two hours before procedure. High volume suction should be ready at all times, in case of aspiration of gastric content.
- Maintain a proper patient and dentist position. A number of positions including prone, face down, upright, and even up-side down have been adopted.
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Maxillary Obturator Prosthesis: Indications and Treatment Plane

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Definition: Obturator is a prosthesis used to close a congenital or acquired tissue opening, primarily of the hard palate &/or contiguous alveolar structures. Prosthetic restoration of defect often includes use of a surgical obturator, interim obturator, and definitive obturator.
PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DEFECTED MAXILLA

1. Reduced bony support due to small maxilla.
2. Increased inter arch space.
3. Lack of adequate denture support and stability.
4. Inadequate retention due to ineffective posterior palatal seal due to scar issue if surgery was previously performed.
5. Scarring of lip tissues which may affect anterior border seal and exerts a backward push on the denture, thus affecting denture retention.
INDICATIONS:

1. to act as a framework over which tissues may be shaped by the surgeon;
2. to serve as a temporary prosthesis during the period of surgical correction;
3. to restore a patient’s cosmetic appearance rapidly for social contacts;
4. to provide for an inability to meet the expenses of surgery;
INDICATIONS:

5. when the patient’s age contraindicates surgery;
6. when the size and extent of the deformity contraindicates surgery;
7. when the local avascular condition of the tissues contraindicates surgery; and,
8. when the patient is susceptible to recurrence of the original lesion which produced the deformity.
USES OF OBTURATORS

- Provides a stable matrix for surgical packing
- Reduces oral contamination
- Speech is effective post-operatively
- Permits deglutition
- Reduces the psychological impact of surgery
- Reduce the period of hospitalization
TYPES OF OBTURATORS

Based on phase of treatment:

- Surgical obturators (immediate surgical obturators & delayed surgical obturators)
- Interim obturators
- Definitive obturators
Based on the material used:

- Metal obturators
- Resin obturators
- Silicone obturators
Based on area of restoration:

- Palatal obturator
- Meatal obturators
SURGICAL OBTURATOR

- A temporary prosthesis used to restore the continuity of hard palate immediately after surgery or traumatic loss of a portion or all of the hard palate &/or contiguous alveolar structures like gingival tissue, teeth.
Surgical Obturator

It is of two types:

Immediate surgical obturator: It is inserted at time of surgery.

Delayed surgical obturator: It is inserted 7-10 after surgery.
CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Surgical obturator is inserted on the day of surgery.
- A preliminary cast is obtained before surgery on which a mock surgery is performed.
- A clear acrylic plate is fabricated & inserted after surgery.
- If patient is dentulous, retention is obtained with simple clasps.
If the patient is edentulous, the obturator is wired into alveolar ridge & zygomatic arch.
The obturator is retained for 3-4 months post surgically.
It is replaced with an interim or definitive obturator after complete healing of the surgical wound.
PRINCIPALS RELATIVE TO THE DESIGN OF IMMEDIATE SURGICAL OBTURATORS

1. If it is possible the surgeon should leave the posterior edge of the hard palate & tuberosity. Otherwise the soft palate will be flabby and often drop inferiorly.

2. The obturator should terminate short of the skin graft-mucosal junction. As soon as the surgical packing is removed., extension into the defect may be accomplished with tissue conditioning or interim soft lining materials.

3. The prosthesis should be simple and light in weight.

4. The prosthesis for dentulous patients should be perforated at the interproximal extension to allow the prosthesis to be wired to the teeth at the time of surgery.
5. **Normal palatal contours** should be reproduced to facilitate postoperative speech and deglutition.

6. A couple of **wire loops** is attached to the fitting surface in cases of big tumor.

7. Posterior **occlusion** should not be established on the defect side until the surgical wound is well organized. If the three maxillary anterior teeth included in the resection, they may be added to the prosthesis to improve esthetics.

8. The **existing complete or partial denture** may be modified for use as an immediate surgical obturator. The flange at the defect should be reduced and the posterior teeth removed prior to surgery. Tissue conditioning material may be used to improve adaptation at the time of surgery.
THE TECHNIQUE OF CONSTRUCTION

- It is important to make an accurate impression of the vestibular depth on the resected side so that the approximate position of the skin graft mucosal junction can be determined.

- The upper and lower impressions are poured in stone and the maxillary cast is duplicated for future reference. The casts are mounted on a suitable articulator with the aid of a jaw relation record.
THE TECHNIQUE OF CONSTRUCTION
The **maxillary cast is altered** to conform to the proposed surgical resection. Teeth on the area involved are cut away from the cast, but alveolar height is maintained. Any elevation on the cast representing the palatal swelling should be removed to give a normal palatal contour. The residual alveolar ridge is trimmed moderately on the labial and buccal surface to reduce the stress on the soft tissue closure.
If the pterygoid hamulus is removed during the maxillectomy procedure, the attachment and/or function of the tensor veli palatine, buccinator, and superior constrictor muscles can be compromised due to the medial collapse of the distolateral portion of the defect. In this case the cast should be reduced 2 to 3 mm medially.
The wire retainers are adapted and the \textbf{prosthesis is waxed}, invested and processed in clear acrylic resin, then finished and polished in the normal manner.

A couple of wire loops is added at the fitting surface to hold the lining material.
Clear resin is preferred because the extensions and possible pressure areas can be easily seen at surgery.

Holes are drilled in the buccal flanges when it is supposed to wire the obturator to the zygomatic arches and/or anterior nasal spine.

Prior to surgery the obturator is immersed in a disinfectant solution, the required instruments are autoclaved, and the dental material are sterilized with gas.
Retention can be obtained in dentulous patients by wiring the prosthesis to existing teeth. In edentulous patients, the obturator is wired or pinned to the zygomatic arches and/or anterior nasal spine.
After 7 to 10 days postsurgically

- The prosthesis and packing are removed. The obturator is cleansed; the wire retainers and minor occlusal discrepancies are adjusted.
- A new application of tissue conditioning material may be made to improve adaptation, seal and comfort.
- The patient is dismissed for one week with the instruction regarding the irrigation and cleaning of the surgical defect properly.
Usually the patient is seen every 2 weeks and the tissue conditioning material changed to suite for tissue contracture. It is better to remove and change all of the lining material to reduce bacterial contamination and mucosal irritation.
Thank you
INTRIEM AND DEFINITIVE OBTURATOR

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A prosthesis that is made several weeks or months following surgical resection of a portion of one or both maxillae. It frequently includes replacement of teeth in defect area. This prosthesis when used, replaces the surgical obturator that is placed immediately following the resection & may be subsequently replaced with a definitive obturator.
The defect is packed with gauze dipped in Vaseline to the level of the remaining tissue, then impression is taken with modified stock tray using elastic impression material.

The steps of construction are the same as in immediate obturator.
FUNCTION: HELPS IN RESTORING

1. Speech.
2. Feeding.
3. Esthetics.
4. Prevent wound contamination.
Preparation of the mouth for obturator:
- Extract hopeless teeth.
- Periodontal therapy.
- Restore carious teeth.
Definitive Obturators

1. A prosthesis that artificially replaces part or all of the maxilla & the associated teeth lost due to surgery or trauma
Definitive Obturators

Types of obturators:
- Hollow bulb (Closed).
- Roofless (Open bulb).
Definitive obturator:

It is constructed **3-4 months** after surgery. The timing will very depending on many factors:

1. The size of the defect.
2. The progress of healing.
3. The prognosis for the tumor.
4. The effectiveness of the present obturator.
5. The presence or absence of teeth
The prognosis of definitive obturator depends on (Treatment concepts):

1. Defects classification: Maxillary defects have been conveniently classified according to the defect location and its relation to the remaining teeth by Aramany, 1978.
The prognosis of definitive obturator depends on (Treatment concepts):

2. Movement of the prosthesis.
3. Tissue changes.
4. Extension into the defect.
5. Length of the lever arm
6. Arch form
7. The weight of the prosthesis.
8. The presence of teeth.
9. Covering prostheses
Guide lines for location of the obturator

1- The obturator should be located in the nasopharynx at the level of normal palatal closure.

2- The inferior margin of the obturator should be placed at the level of greatest muscular activity exhibited by the residual palatopharyngeal complex.

3- The inferior extension of the obturator will usually be an extension of the palatal plane as extended to the posterior pharyngeal wall.
Methods of construction:

- **Impressions**.
- **Multiple occlusal rests** on either sides of the fulcrum line will increase stability and resist the downward displacement of the obturator.
- **Multiple retainers** should be used with the retentive arms engaging distal undercut.
- If the patient has an anterior edentulous area, **crown** should be placed on the adjacent abutment teeth with the **attachment** of an anterior bar.
Technique of construction impression technique:

- An edentulous suitable metal tray is selected and ultered. The medial and anterior undercuts are blocked out with vaselineated gauze.
- Adhesive is applied to the tray and alginate is mixed and loaded in the tray. Prior to seating the tray, impression material is wiped or injected into posterior and lateral undercuts.
- Cast is poured, and the undesirable undercuts are blocked out with wax.
Elastomeric impression material is prepared and injected into desirable undercut areas and the loaded tray is seated into position. The lips and cheek are manipulated and the patient is instructed to perform eccentric mandibular movements to account for the movement of the anterior border of the ramus and the coronoid process of the mandible. After the material has set, the impression is removed with a gentle teasing action.
Recording of jaw relationship

- If the defect **is large** and stability and support are difficult to obtain with a conventional record base, the **definitive base is fabricated from the master cast**. This base is used in recording jaw relation and at a later time the denture teeth are added with self curing acrylic resin.

- If **stability and support are adequate**, a conventional self curing acrylic base is constructed after blocking of all undercuts and the rugae area to protect the master cast.

- The vertical dimension of occlusion is determined in the usual manner using wax rims on the record bases.
Nonanatomic posterior teeth are preferred and adjusted to eliminate lateral deflective occlusal contact.

The trial denture are tried in the mouth and changes are made to accommodate the esthetic desires of the patient and the prosthodontist.
Processing, delivery and follow up:

- The obturator with the denture are processed in heat-cured acrylic resin.
- The superior surface of the obturator should be slightly convex and well polished. Any sharp projection on the lateral surface of the obturator should be rounded and polished with pumice. Polishing improve cleansability and reduce the friction between the prosthesis and soft tissue during functional movements.
If more retention is necessary, **soft silicon material** is used for the obturator segment to engage undercuts more profoundly.

Home care instructions are reviewed and recall appointments are arranged. Most maxillary obturator will require **rebasing** within the first year because of dimensional changes of the defect.
To obtain hollow bulb:

- Bulky areas should be hollowed to reduce weight to avoid unnecessary stress to the teeth and supporting tissues. The hollowing is done during packing the acrylic resin, by placing a sand bag between the acrylic resin in the middle of the defect. After curing a small hole is made on the fitting surface to empty the obturator from the sand. Then the hole is closed with self cure acrylic resin.
The superior surface may be closed to avoid accumulation of the nasal secretions leading to odor and added weight, or left open to decrease the weight and is easier to adjust. In the open type if secretions do tend to accumulate, a small diagonal opening may be made between the inferior-lateral floors of the obturator through to the cheek surface for drainage.
Advantages of hollow bulb:

- The **weight** of the prosthesis is reduced, more comfortable and efficient.
- The lightness of the prosthesis **increases retention** & physiologic function.
- The **decrease in pressure** to the surrounding tissues aids in deglutition and encourages the regeneration of tissue.
- The light weight of the hollow bulb obturator does **not add to the self-conciousness** of wearing a denture.
- The lightness of the prosthesis **does not cause** excessive atrophy and physiologic changes in muscle balance.
General principles for the design of obturator

1. The need for a **rigid major** connector;
2. **Guide planes** and other and other components that facilitate stability and bracing;
3. A design that **maximizes support**;
4. **Rests** that place supporting forces along the long axis of the abutment tooth;
5. **Direct retainers** that are passive at rest and provide adequate resistance to dislodgment without overloading the abutment teeth; and
6. Control of the **that opposes the defect**, especially when it involves natural teeth.
Methods to Improve Retention of Acquired Obturators

1. Engagement of the scar band.
2. Extension of the obturator against the lateral wall of the defect.
3. Resilient lining material.
4. Hollowing the obturator portion.
5. Refitting the base.
Methods to Improve Retention of Acquired Obturators

6. Osseointegrated dental implants
7. Two piece obturator, sectional obturator.
8. Magnets.
Thank you
Maxillary obturator: complications

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support

Residual maxilla

Within the defect

- Residual teeth
- Residual Hard Palate
- Alveolar Ridge
- Floor of the Orbit
- Nasal septum
- Pterygoid Plate or Temporal Bone
RETENTION

Within the residual maxilla

- Teeth
- Height of lateral wall
- Lateral Scar Band
- Alveolar Ridge
- Residual Hard Palate
- Residual soft palate
Within the defect stability
Residual Maxilla

Residual Maxilla Stability

stability
Trouble shooting of obturator

1. nasal reflux and hypernasal speech caused by escape of air. This is mainly due to continued fibrosis of the tissues bordering the prosthesis. Leakage into the nose

The prosthesis should be disclosed with a tissue-conditioning material, and the patient should perform functional movements. If swallowing and speech improve, the disclosing material should be evaluated for the area where the tissue conditioner is thickest.
• The speech can be tested by evaluating the “m” and “b” sounds and the word beat.
• The thickness of the material can be checked with an explorer. Most areas will be very thin, while other areas will be 2–3 mm or thicker. These thicker areas should be targeted for the reline procedure. This reline can be accomplished chair side with an autopolymerizing or composite acrylic resin (Triad). This procedure satisfies the patient’s chief complaint and requires minimal time.
2. Hypernasal speech
Disclosure of the bulb with a tissue conditioning material often reveals that the surface contact is adequate. In this situation, the prosthesis is adequately closed at the periphery, but the patient’s soft palate and pharyngeal closure mechanism are not functional. This condition is seen frequently when a portion of the soft palate was also resected due to a lesion located at the hard palate-soft palate junction. **Relining of the prosthesis periphery will not alter the hypernasal speech.**
NASAL DEFECT: ANATOMY AND IMPRESSION
Rehabilitation of facial defects

Surgical reconstruction verses prosthetic restoration: It depends on:

1-the size of the defect.
2-the etiology of the defect.
3-the age of the patient.
Anatomy of the nose

- The nose is a highly contoured pyramidal structure situated centrally in the face and it is composed of:
  - Skin
  - Mucosa
  - Bone
  - Cartilage
  - Supporting tissue
Topographic analysis
Anatomy of the nose: The nose is formed of:

A-external structures: it includes:
1. The tip of the nose (columella).
2. The dorsum of the nose.
3. The bridge of the nose.
4. Alae of the nose.
5. The nares.
6. The nosolabial folds.
Thicker

Dorsum
Nostril margins
Columella

Thinner

Radix
Nasal tip
Alae
B. Internal nasal anatomy

It includes:

1. Nasal cavity.
2. Nasal conchae (anterior, middle, & posterior).
Surgical reconstruction of defects

For reconstructing of the nose four basics should be followed:
1- Adequate flap length.
2- Avoiding tension.
3- Providing a base for the new nose.
4- Establishing one-piece reconstruction
Prosthetic restoration of nasal defects

The majority of nasal defects are secondary to treatment of neoplasm. Most partial nasal defects are restored with surgery while total nasal defects are restored prosthetically.
Materials used for facial prosthesis

1- Acrylic resins (not use now).
2- Acrylic copolymers.
3- Vinyle polymers & copolymers (Mediplast)
4- Polyurethane elastomers. (Epithane-3)
5- Silicone elastomers: it is available in two forms:
   - HTV.
   - RTV.

Most commonly used materials for facial restoration
Before and after surgical reconstruction
Before & after surgical reconstruction
Pre-prosthetic consideration

1- the surgeon should remove the nasal bone as well as the rest of the nose.
2- the wound should not be closed primarily.
3- The placement of split thickness skin over exposed tissue bed areas is preferable.
4- Prior to surgery, facial impressions & photographs should be obtained.
5- Psychological evaluations & consultations should begin prior to the resection.
Main problems of nasal prosthesis

1- Retention of large nasal restoration.
2- Esthetic of the prosthesis.
3- Color matching.

There are intrinsic & extrinsic coloration. The intrinsic coloration are more stable while extrinsic coloration wear rapidly because of ultraviolet rays & surface oxidation.
Impressions

Prior to surgery, facial impressions are preferred because they provide useful information for clinician.

Steps:
1- The pt is in **upright position**.
2- **Elastic** impression materials is used as Irreversible hydrocolloid.
3- The nasal passage should be **blocked out** with gauze.
Impressions

The gauze used to cover the middle nasal conchea because it contains ridges & part of impression materials may cut inside it and act as foreign body.

Prosthodontist prefer irreversible hydrocolloid because it has low tear strength & high flow.

Facial impression is carried out for the pt.
Steps of impressions

4-Using the preliminary cast, a master impression tray is fabricated confined to the defect area.

5-A syringe is used to inject impression material to areas of difficult access.

6-Taking care not to compress the tissue bed.

6-After setting of the impression, a master cast of dental stone is prepared.
Steps of impressions
Steps of impressions
Steps of impressions
Impressions

Evaluate the defect to determine the extension of the prosthesis

- Can the floor of the nose be engaged for support
- Can undercuts in the defect be used to enhance retention and stability
- Does the lip require support from an oral prosthesis
Impressions

Challenge: Make impressions that do not distort the soft tissues

1) Apply a thin layer of light body rubber base
2) Apply a layer of gauze to the rubber base as the material begins to polymerize
3) Apply succeeding layers of quick setting plaster to the polysulfide to provide the support for the elastic material. The initial layer must be thinned and partially set before succeeding layers of plaster are
Master cast is made of green die stone.
Types of nasal prosthesis

1- Temporary nasal prosthesis.

2- Definitive nasal prosthesis.
Temporary nasal prosthesis

- Approximately 3-4 weeks following surgery.
- Heat polymerizing methyl methacrylate is preferred because it can be relined with a temporary denture reliner.
- Retention of the prosthesis is accomplished with medical grade skin adhesive.
Definitive nasal prosthesis

- After 3-4 months fabrication of definitive prosthesis is carried out.
- Flat defects in which the nasolabial folds remain are the easiest to restore prosthetically.
- In most pts the residual tissue bed is highly mobile therefore prosthesis of highly flexible materials are advised.
Classification of nasal restoration

It can be classified according to the means of retention into:

1- **Adhesives**: medical grade adhesive

Disadvantages:

a- Applied periodically.
b- sometimes allergic.
c- difficult to clean the skin & prosthesis
Classification

2- Eye glass frame.

3- Implant:

Bone in and around facial defects into which osseointegrated fixtures can be placed depends on the size, location of the defect and integrity of the residual structures.

a- The piriform area of the floor of the nose.
Classification

b- The superior surface of the maxilla offers sufficient bone to place fixtures.
Before & after prosthetic restoration
Before & after prosthetic restoration
Thank you
NASAL SCULPTING AND COLARATION
Sculpting

- **Contours**
  - Must be compatible with the facial form of the patient

- **Surface texture**
  - Stipple, lines and grooves must be slightly more prominent than those on the adjacent skin

- **Margin placement**
  - The superior margin and the upper portions of the lateral margins should be positioned beneath the eyeglass frames
  - The lower portion of the lateral margin should be carefully thinned and blended in with the adjacent skin
  - The alae must be tucked in so that only the height of contour is seen from the anterior view
  - The columella must be tucked up underneath the tip of the nose so that this margin cannot be seen from the anterior view
Sculpting
Favorable Defects

Margin placement

- Superior and upper portions of the lateral margins should be positioned beneath the glass frames.
- The lower portion of the lateral margin should be carefully thinned and blended in with the adjacent skin.
Sculpting
Favorable Defects

Margin placement

- The nostrils must be tucked into the nasolabial groove so that only their height of contour is seen from the anterior view.
- The columella must be tucked underneath the nasal tip so that this margin cannot be seen from the anterior view.
Favorable Defects

Verify the margin placement, contours and surface texture of the wax pattern on the patient.

Check list:
- Size and contour
- Alar contours and margins
- Lateral and superior margin placement
- Surface texture
- Columella margin placement and contour
Unfavorable Defects

Note the deviations from normal in both these sculptures

- In both patients the right nostril is elevated and smaller than the left nostril because of elevation of the lip in “a” and the distortion of the nasolabial fold in “b”.
Surface texture

- Stipple, lines and grooves must be slightly more prominent than those on the adjacent skin. Why?
  - Some of the surface detail is lost during flaking, processing and the application of extrinsic colorants.
- In some instances the stipple can be created with a brush but in most this results in a stipple that is insufficiently prominent
- In this sculpting the surface texture was created with a wax carving instrument
Processing
Flasking – Sealing the pattern to the cast

Hole is placed through the cast as shown.

Wax sculpture is luted to the cast externally and also from the back to insure the engagement of the usable undercuts and proper extension onto the floor of the nose.
Processing
Flasking – Sealing the pattern to the cast

- The nostrils are sealed as shown
Developing shade guides

The shade selected should be slightly lighter than the lightest skin tone of the patient.
Processing

Polymerized silicone casting is thin, flexible and lightweight.

Stone is vibrated through opening in back of the cast.
Extrinsic coloration

Colors are applied slowly and carefully
- Browns are applied first
- Red and blue highlights next
- Dark browns and grays are applied to the lines and grooves to simulate shadowing in these areas
Completed prosthesis

Note the following

- The lateral and superior margins are positioned beneath the eyeglass frames.
- The margins from the bottom of the eyeglass frames to the alar groove are thinned and carefully blended in the adjacent skin.
- The inferior surface of the columella is rounded and this margin is tucked in beneath the nasal tip.
- The nostrils are blended in with the nasal labial folds.
Contours - Nasal contours must be consistent with the facial form of the patient
Nasal defects extending onto the upper lip
Nasal defects extending onto the upper lip

Mustache is woven into the upper lip extension on the prosthesis and blended in the existing mustache.
Nasal defects extending onto the upper lip

If a moustache is not used the lip and cheek margins must be carefully blended with the adjacent skin.

The patient must be warned that lip margin will open upon movement of the upper lip. Slight positive pressure in this region will minimize the opening somewhat.
Thank you
Nasal prosthesis: retention
Methods of retention

- Skin adhesives only
- Engagement of undercuts plus skin adhesives
- Osseointegrated implants
Retention was achieved by engagement of undercuts in the nasal cavity. a and b: Nasal prosthesis. Note posterior portion is hollow to reduce weight and improve flexibility. c: Prosthesis in position. Adhesive was not necessary.
Craniofacial Implants

Sites

- Floor of the nose
- This site is favored
- Glabella
Nasal Implants-Radiographic Evaluation

Beware of the roots of the anterior teeth.
Implant Placement

- Implants should be 10-15 mm apart to ensure appropriate hygiene access.
Site preparation and position

- **Implant position**
  - 10-15 mm apart
  - Exit attached immobile tissues

- **Ideal implant position permits**
  - Easy fabrication of retention bar
  - Easy hygiene access
Site selection and position

Ideal implant position permits

- Easy fabrication of retention bar
- Easy hygiene access for the patient
Nasal defects – Craniofacial implants

Craniofacial implants placed in the glabella have a lower success rate. If implants are planned for this site oral lengths (7-10mm) are recommended.
Nasal Implants – Glabella

Possible Alternatives

- Use implants of conventional length
- 7mm and 10 mm
- Splint the glabella implants to the implants in the floor of the nose
Implants should not exit through the mobile tissues of the lip. Otherwise, chronic tissue irritation will lead to formation of granulation tissues around the implants.
These implants are positioned too far posteriorly making hygiene difficult for the patient.
Impression copings are attached to the implant fixtures.
Light body rubber base is applied with a syringe and thinned with a cement spatula taking care to avoid displacing tissues of the lip and cheek.
A thin layer of adhesive is applied to the polymerizing polysulfide an gauze strips are adhered to the adhesive.
Impressions

- Succeeding layers of quick set impression plaster are applied. The first layer must be very thin and be allowed to set before the succeeding layers are applied.
- The screws securing the impression copings to the implant fixtures must not be covered with plaster.
- When the impression plaster has set these screws are loosened and the impression removed. Fixture analogues are then attached to the impression copings.
- The master cast is made in the usual manner.
Before the tissue bar is designed and fabricated, a trial wax sculpting of the prosthesis must be completed and verified on the patient.
Tissue bar designs

Magnetic attachments vs Bar-Clip retained prostheses

Clip retained prostheses are preferred
a) Better retention
b) Magnetic attachments tend to corrode

Magnetic attachments deliver less stress to the anchoring bone and are recommended when used when only a solitary implant is available.
Bar Clip Designs - Tissue Bar Fabrication:

UCLA abutment

- Versatile
- Cost effective
Bar Clip Tissue bar designs

Best results achieved when vertical and horizontal components are incorporated within the tissue bar (arrows)
Acrylic resin substructure

- Contains the retentive elements
- Must fit within the confines of the nasal prosthesis
- Must have sufficient surface area so that the bond between resin and silicone doesn't fail.
Nasal defects – Craniofacial implants
Completed prosthesis provides patient with an esthetic, well retained restoration
This patient received in excess of 65 Gy post operatively. One implant failed immediately and only one remained (a). Bar engaged hex atop implant fixture to prevent rotation of bar and loosening of screw.

Posterior surface of nasal prosthesis. Note magnetic attachments (b).

Bar engaging prosthesis (c).

Prosthesis in position (d).
Originally two implants were placed but 5 years later only one implant remained. Bar-clip retention was changed to magnetic retention to reduce the stresses on the surviving implant. The tissue bar engages hex atop implant fixture to prevent rotation of bar and loosening of screw (a).

Posterior surface of nasal prosthesis. Note magnetic attachments (b).

Prosthesis in position (c).
Complications

- Implants placed in the mobile tissues of the upper lip. Clinical result: Tissue hypertrophy around the implants (arrow).
- **Solution**: Subcutaneous resection
Nasal prosthesis retained by RPD obturator prosthesis with a magnet.  

- a: Oral-nasal defect. Surveyed crowns made to retain Obturator-RPD. 
- b and c: Obturator-RPD in position. Note magnetic attachment. 
- d: Nasal prosthesis. 
- e: Prosthesis in position.
Combined nasal cheek defects

Challenges
- Retention
- Significant distortions of adjacent tissues
- Extensions and margins
- Contour of prosthetic cheek
- Movable tissues
Combined nasal cheek defects

- Patient presents status post maxillectomy with the resection extending to involve the cheek and half the nose.
- The maxillary obturator restores the contour of the upper lip.
- The remaining portion of the nose is in a favorable position and normal in contour.
Combined nasal cheek defects

Issues in this patient

- Should the oral prosthesis engage the maxillary obturator to facilitate retention?
  - Yes!!! This will facilitate retention and stability
- Where should the nasal margins terminate?
  - On the lateral wall of the nose
Combined nasal cheek defects

This facial prosthesis engages the maxillary obturator via magnets in a manner shown on previous patients. The prosthesis covers the tip of the nose and is extended laterally on the right side of the nose.
Combined nasal cheek defects

- Note the contour of the prosthetic nostril and how the alar groove flows into the nasolabial fold.
- Extending the nasal margin is laterally makes this margin less detectable.
Patient is status post multiple resections for multiple and recurrent basal cell carcinomas

- The defect extends into the left maxillary sinus. This area is lined with a split thickness skin graft.
- There is a large concave area above the glabella
- The right eye lids are paralyzed in position
- The upper lip is fairly mobile
Combined nasal cheek defects

Issues in this defect

- Size and shape of the nose?
  - Presurgical photos are most helpful
- Contour of the left cheek?
  - Best left under contoured to better blend with existing contours
- Forehead margin?
  - Extend to make prosthesis blend in smoothly with the unaffected forehead contours
- Left cheek margin?
  - Mobility of the cheek affects this margin. Generally one should try to minimize the margin so as to extend just beyond the margins of the defect
- Left nasolabial fold?
  - Try to achieve reasonable symmetry with the left nasolabial fold
Combined nasal cheek defects

- Shape of the nose is based on presurgical photos. The width is based on the inter canthus distance.
- The contours of the forehead-glabella region have been restored.
- The cast in the suborbital area has been slightly scored so as to effect positive pressure in this region.
- The left prosthetic cheek area has been under contoured to better blend with existing facial contours.
- The left nasolabial fold has been restored and this area extended onto the upper lip.
Combined nasal cheek defects

Finished prosthesis

- Note the contour of the left cheek portion of the prosthesis. It has been under-contoured to blend in with the existing facial contours.
- The contours of the left nostril-nasolabial fold interface has been made symmetrical with the right side and the prosthesis extended onto the lip on this side.
Thank you