

Respiratory Neurodynamics®

The Body and The Bite Essentials

AIA Masters Fellowship Series, Lecture 1

Simplifying the Complex

Lecture 1 Objectives

1. To understand the components and application of "Respiratory Neurodynamics®" (RND®)
2. To understand normal cranial bone movement possibilities
3. To understand all known cranial strain patterns in context with the AIA Spectrum of Patterns®
4. To understand how "The Body IS The Bite" and "The Bite IS The Body"
5. To learn the unrelenting effect of the rib cage on the mandibular diaphragm and cranial performance

Respiratory Neurodynamics (RND)

(plural noun, treated as singular) is an expansion of the commonly appreciated relationship between facial development and the alignment of teeth, emphasizing that this relationship is dependent on balancing respiratory patterns and coordinating movement into one half of the body and then the other.

The ability to successfully alternate into one half of the body and then the other refers to the uniform lateral shifting onto each heel, each hip, each posterior mediastinum, each half of the neck and each half of the posterior occlusal surface (molars and pre-molars)

Respiratory Neurodynamics:

RND is a term that relates the neurologically-driven influence of breathing and the proprioceptive sense of occlusion to craniofacial development and subsequent orientation of the occlusal scheme, and vice versa.

Appreciating how craniofacial posture and the proprioceptive sense of occlusion can both negatively and positively influence breathing and movement into both sides of the body is at the heart of this interdisciplinary concept.

Respiratory Neurodynamics:

When the human is able to access a full respiratory and movement profile on both sides of the body in a successful alternating fashion, then they are more likely to develop a resultant patent airway, full mid-face, balanced occlusion and a neck capable of normal motion.

Likewise, each of these outcomes in turn allows the ongoing opportunity for a full respiratory and movement profile to be maintained on both sides of the body.

RND Programming

It has been shown that a regimen of *integrating* Postural Therapy, Postural Dentistry, Postural Vision, osteopathy and myofunctional airway therapy is currently the most comprehensive and effective mechanism for establishing a true RND program.

These applied sciences delivered *in isolation* appear to fall short of true management of the posturally challenged, airway challenged or occlusally challenged patient.

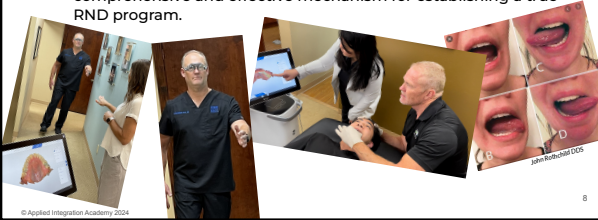
RND Programming

Other treatment protocols that are of profound influence include but are not limited to: sleep therapy, orthodontics and airway-focused surgeries.

RND describes a holistic approach to achieving a harmonious balance of multiple systems of the body to allow for proper alignment of teeth, ideal cranial posture, optimized airway and an excellent approach toward pain-free living.

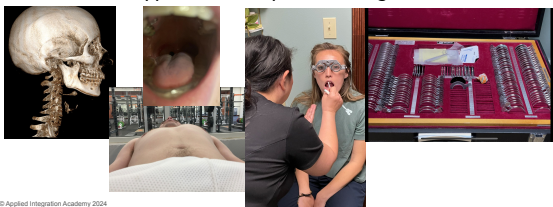
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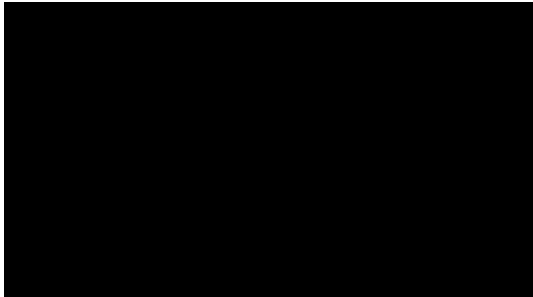




Understanding Cranial Movement



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Three things to gather in the next few minutes

1. Skull bones move and the movement affects teeth
2. Necks dictate skull movement
3. Ribcages dictate neck movement

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Do Cranial Bones Actually Move?

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Nelson KE, Sergeeff N, Glonek T. Recording the rate of the cranial rhythmic impulse. J Am Osteopath Assoc. 2006;106(6):337-341.(provides an explanation for the difference between palpated and instrumentally recorded rates for the cranial rhythmic impulse)

Oleski SL, Smith GH, Crow WT. Radiographic evidence of cranial bone mobility. J Craniomandib Pract. 2002;20(1):34-38. (This study concludes that cranial bone mobility can be documented and measured on x-ray.)

Frymann VM. A study of the rhythmic motions of the living cranium. J Am Osteopath Assoc. 1971;70:1-18. (Inherent motion does exist within the living cranium. It can be instrumentally recorded)

Heisey SR, Adams T. Role of cranial bone mobility in cranial compliance. Neurosurgery. 1993;33(5):869-876. (Cranial bone mobility plays a progressively larger role in total cranial compliance with larger ICV increases).

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Michael DK, Retzlaff EW. A preliminary study of cranial bone movement in the squirrel monkey. J Am Osteopath Assoc. 1975;74:866-869. (reversible displacement of the parietal bones occurs with cranial compression and by spinal flexion and extension)

Pritchard JJ, Scott JH, Girgis FG. The structure and development of cranial and facial sutures. J Anat. 1956;90:73-86. (sutures never close in man)

Sahni D, Jit I, Neelam, Suri S. Time of fusion of the basisphenoid with the basilar part of the occipital bone in northwest Indian subjects. Forensic Sci Int. 1998;98:41-45. (SBS closes around 15 to 17 years of age)

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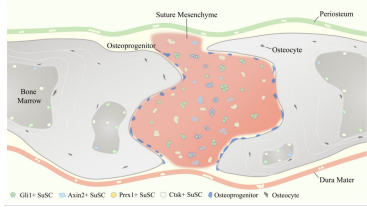
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Rothbart BA. Vertical facial dimensions linked to abnormal foot motion. J Am Podiatr Med Assoc. 2008 May-Jun;98(3):189-96. (describes motion of the temporal bones relative to the body/foot)

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Suture Mesenchymal Stem Cells

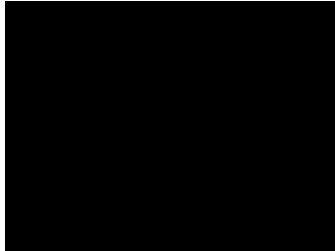


"...a tiny amount of movement is permitted at cranial sutures, which favors the elasticity and compliance of the skull."

LI, B.; Wang, Y.; Fan, Y.; Ouchi, T.; Zhao, Z.; Li, L. Cranial Suture Mesenchymal Stem Cells: Insights and Advances. *Biomolecules* **2021**, *11*, 1129. <https://doi.org/10.3390/biom11081129>

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Do Cranial Bones Actually Move?



22 Bones!
(not all pictured here)

Expansion occurs on Exhale

"4mm...That's 5 miles in a mouth!"

-Daphne Mitchell

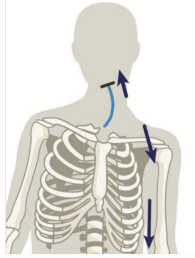
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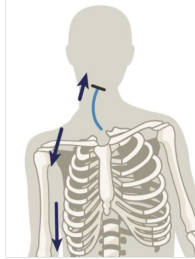
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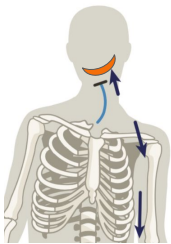
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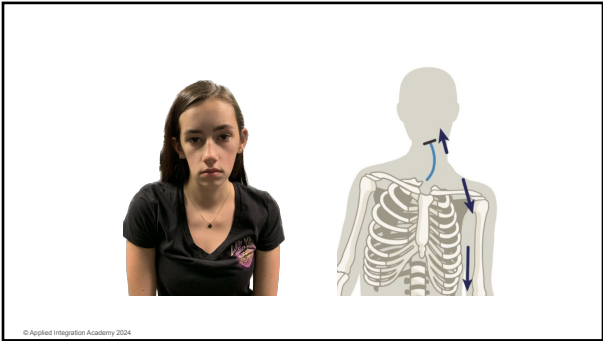
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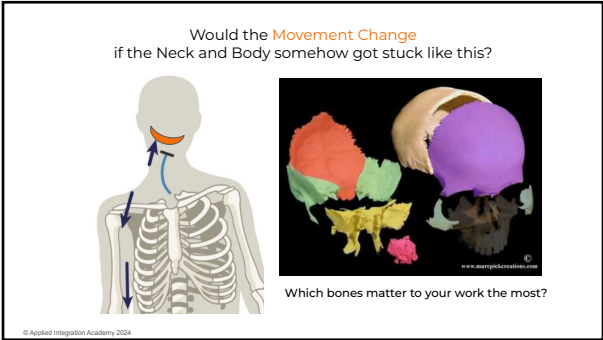
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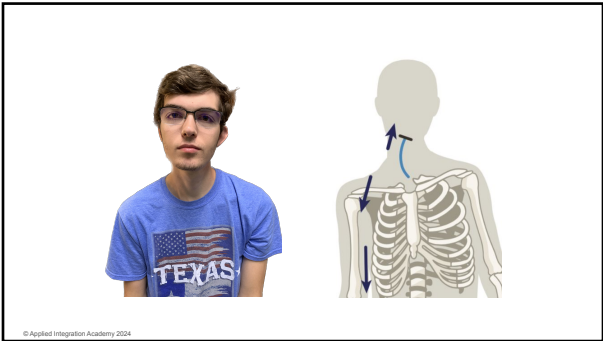


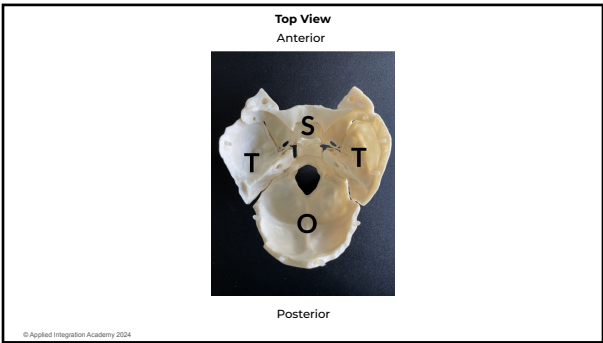
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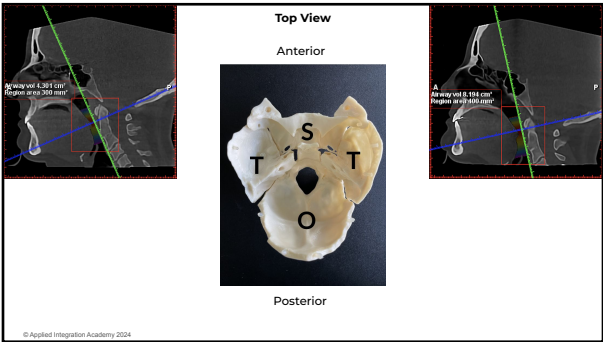
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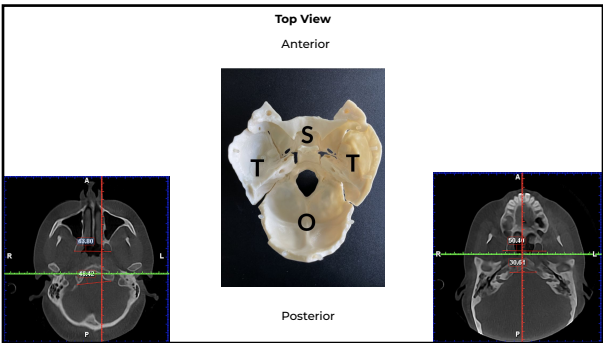


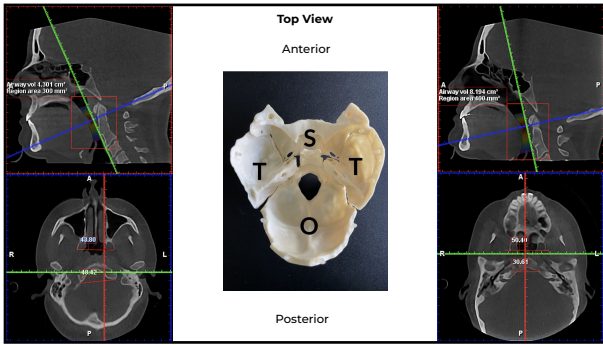


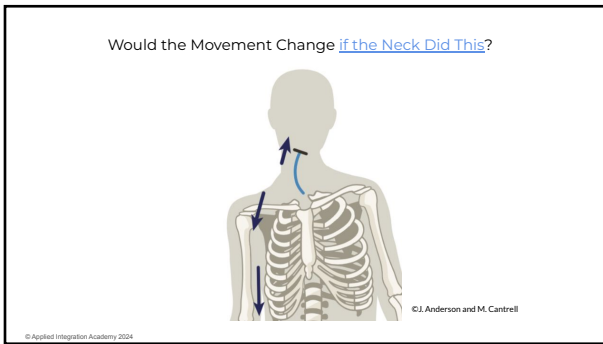


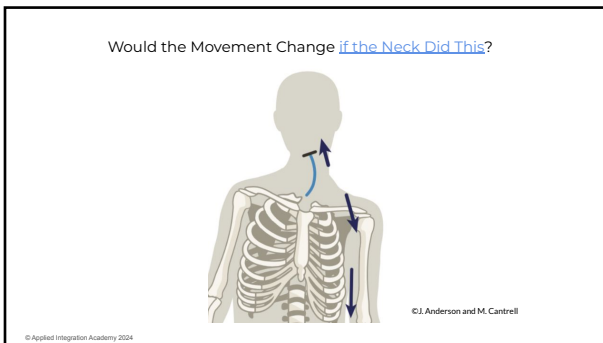














How the Body Gets To The Bite: Respiratory Neurodynamics

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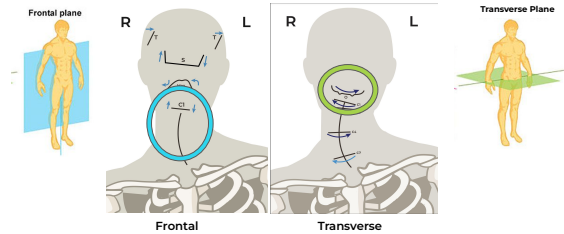
Connecting the Dots...Neck to Teeth

- You don't need to know the dialed-down specifics of Cranial Strains for this class
- You DO need to know that there is a connection and, roughly what that connection is
- The connection of body to bite goes all the way from the feet to the teeth!
- This section takes us from the neck to the teeth in a general way

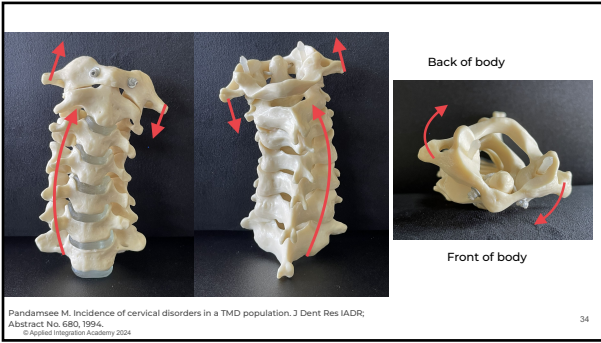
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(Supinated feet trend toward Class II bite configuration and Pronated feet trend toward Class III bites)

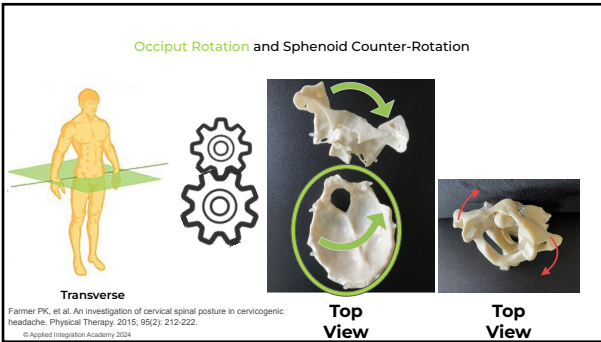
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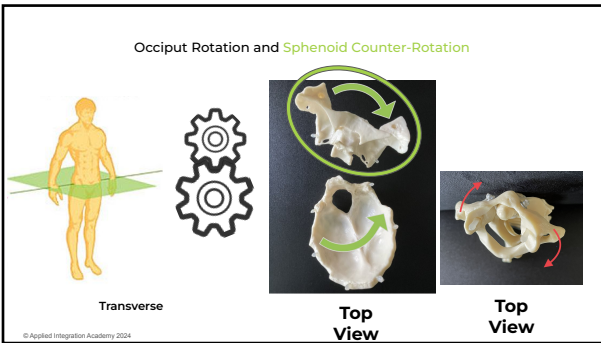
Neck **Initiates** Skull Rotation



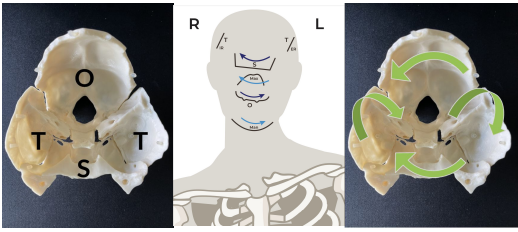
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Occipital Rotation and Sphenoid Counter-Rotation



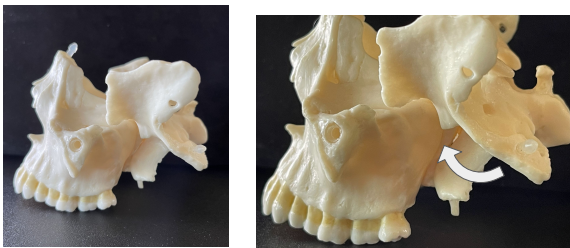
Transverse

Sutherland WG: The cranial bowl, 1st edition reprinted 1994. Free Press Company, Merrickville.
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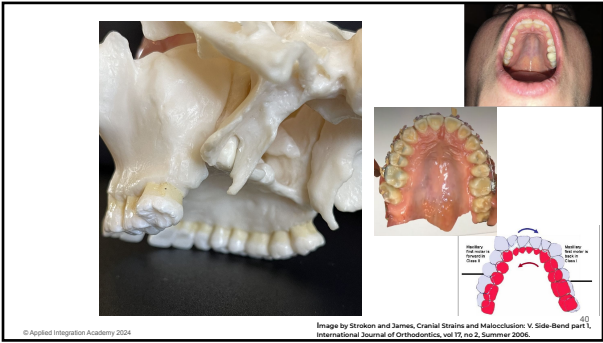
Often times the end result approaches an Angle Class II on the Left and Class I on the Right

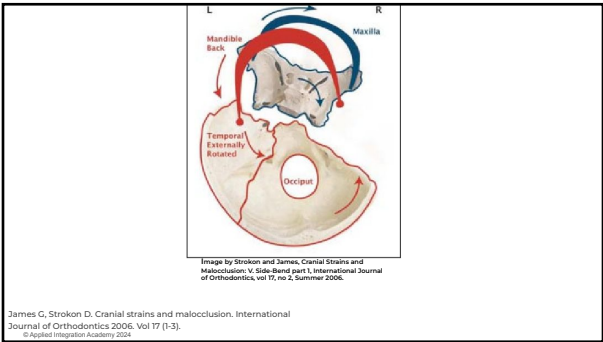


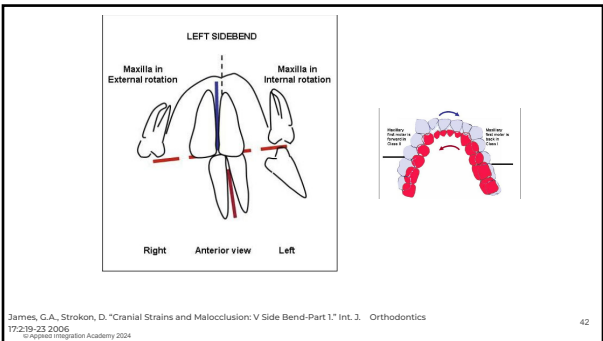
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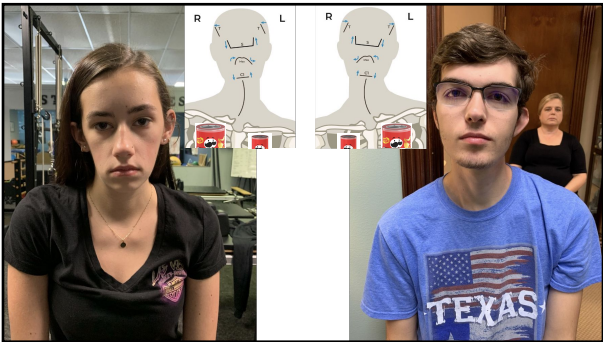
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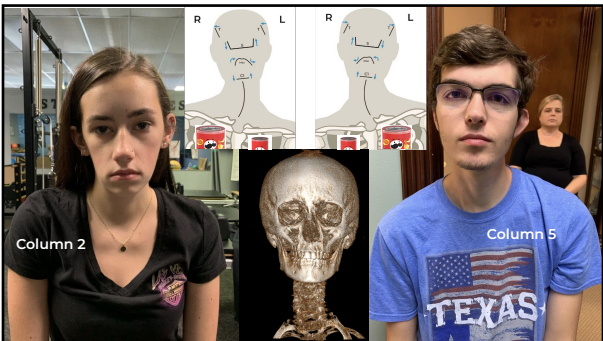






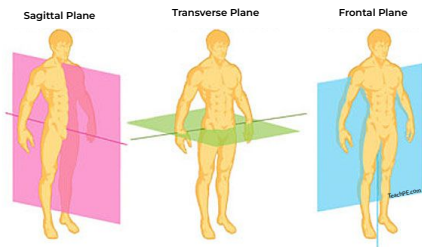




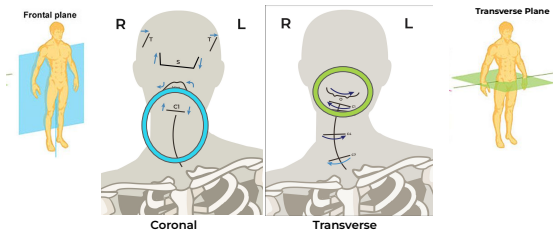




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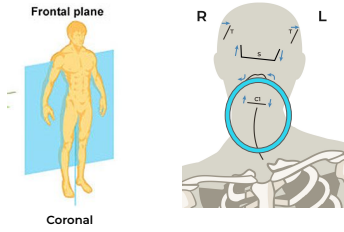
Neck Initiates Head Rotation



Sakaguchi K, Mehta NR, Abdallah EF, Forgione AG, Hirayama H, Kawasaki T, Yokoyama A. Examination of the relationship between mandibular position and body posture. *Cranio*. 2007 Oct;25(4):237-49.

Based on these findings, it was concluded that changing mandibular position affected body posture. Conversely, changing body posture affected mandibular position.

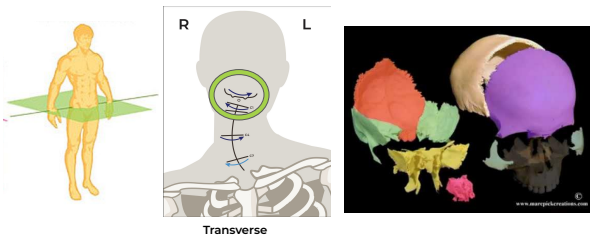
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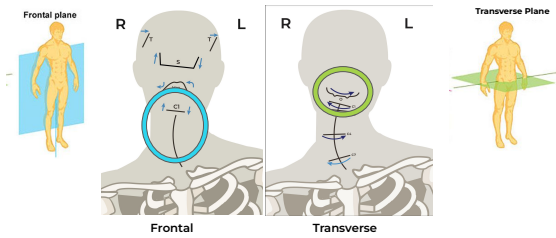
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Marchena-Rodriguez A, Moreno-Morales N, et al. Relationship between foot pressure and dental malocclusions in children aged 6 to 9 years. *Medicine*. 2018; 97:39.

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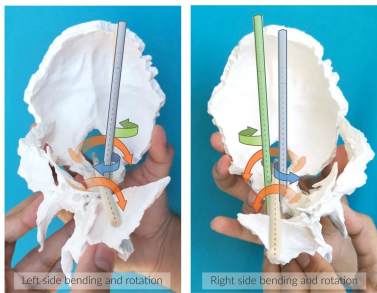


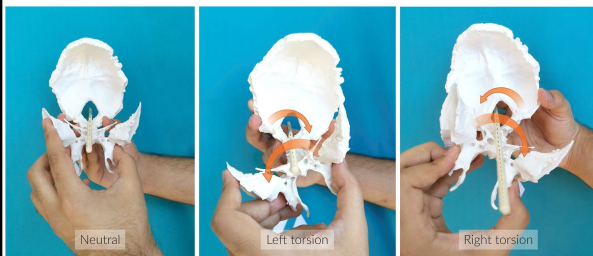
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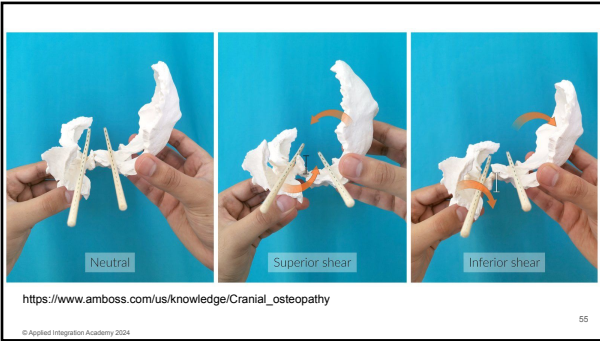
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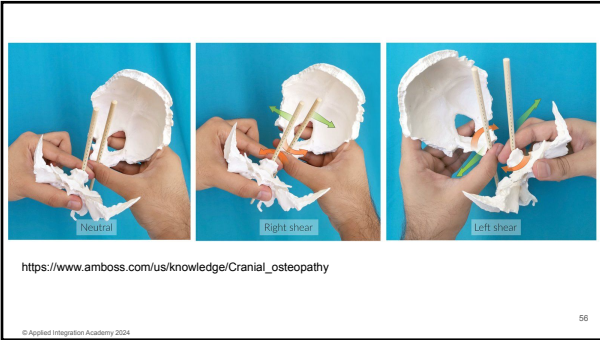
Cranial Strain Patterns

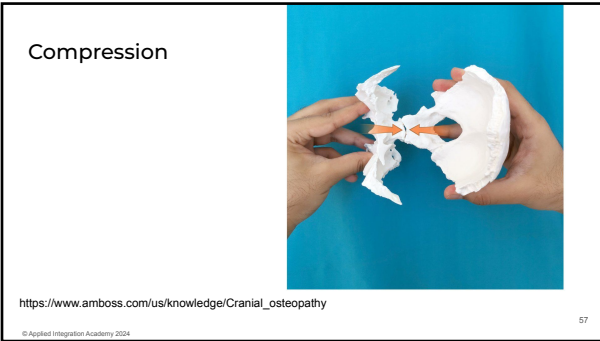
The following pictures depict both standard (non-traumatic) and non-standard (traumatic) cranial strains











Cranial Strain Patterns

The research shows us that 72% of cranial strain patterns are comprised of side bending and torsion. The left side bend is prevalent but so is the right.

Additionally many strains overlay one another as evidenced by their research.

Timoshkin EM, Sandhouse M. Retrospective study of cranial strain pattern prevalence in a healthy population. J Am Osteopath Assoc. 2008 Nov;108(11):652-6. Erratum in: J Am Osteopath Assoc. 2009 Jan;109(1):63. PMID: 19011228.

Timoshkin and Sandhouse

After providing each subject with an explanation of the study and procedures, the osteopathic physician (M.S.) asked the participant to lie down in a supine position and to relax. The subject was told that some gentle pressure would be applied to the head intermittently for approximately 5 to 10 minutes.

The cranial examiner (M.S.) was then seated at the head of the table with his fingers contacting the sphenoid and the occiput on both sides of the subject's head. Tendency of the cranial bones to move into certain cranial strain positions was assessed by applying a few ounces of pressure.

Timoshkin and Sandhouse

Limitations: The lack of multiple observers may present a limitation. The present study used one osteopathic physician (M.S.). In this single-rater design, the observer may have been biased to specific cranial strain patterns, and there was an absence of control.

Timoshkin and Sandhouse

The majority of subjects had some type of side bend and rotation or both.

Why do we care? Because this will directly affect your treatment plans! Especially the side bends

Strain Patterns						No. (%) ^a		
Lateral		Sidelobing Rotation		Torsion			Vertical	
Left	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Inferior	Superior	
		X		X				28 (17)
X		X		X				20 (14)
		X		X				16 (11)
X			X	X				16 (11)
	X			X				8 (5)
X		X		X				6 (4)
X		X		X				6 (4)
X		X	X	X				6 (4)
		X		X				5 (4)
X			X	X				4 (3)
		X	X					4 (3)
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X		X	X	X				2 (1)
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X			X	X				1 (1)
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X		X						1 (1)
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X		X	X	X				1 (1)
X		X	X	X	X			1 (1)
X		X	X	X	X			1 (1)
X		X	X	X	X	X		1 (1)

^a Percentages do not total 100 because of rounding.

The Two Most Common Cranial Strain Patterns

1. **Left Cranial Sidebend**- the most common cranial strain, a natural outcome with the Right Lateralized patterned patient¹.
2. **Right Cranial Torsion**- less common strain, that adds a frontal plane twist at the SBS and occurs *within* the skull more so than at the neck.

¹AIA Spectrum Of Lateralized Patterns evaluative instrument

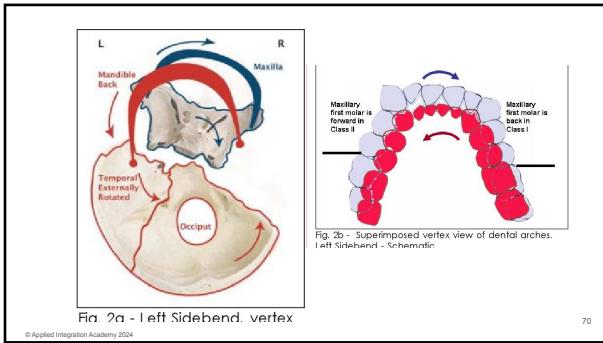
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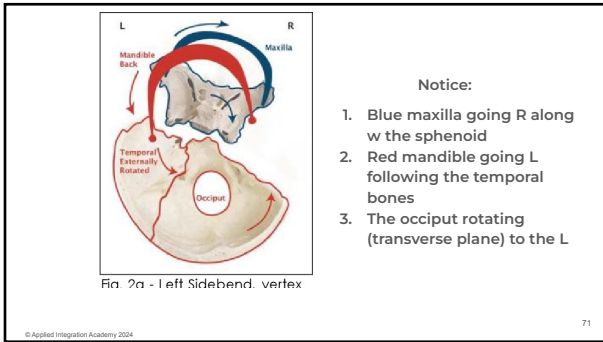
PROBLEM: A Right Cranial Torsion not only occurs in Right Lateralized patients¹, but **also occurs in the Left Lateralized patient¹**, which is why it is erroneous to describe right torsions as being underpinned by the left side bend.

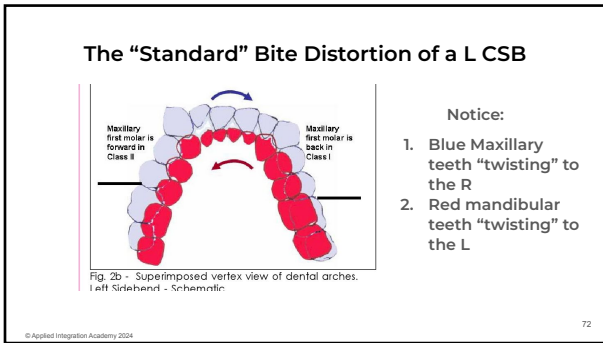
Torsional strain patterns have less to do with the side bend and more to do with the body's position.

This is why we see them often in non-intact lateralized patterns¹.

¹AIA Spectrum Of Lateralized Patterns evaluative instrument







- Notice:
1. Blue Maxillary teeth "twisting" to the R
 2. Red mandibular teeth "twisting" to the L

Proprioceptive Influence of Teeth

The very end result of a cranial strain pattern is a bite distortion. Keep in mind, dentists are mostly unaware of cranial strain etiologies for bite distortions. They are taught that bite distortions are present...just because. In other words, no real reason.

Proprioceptive Influence of Teeth

We care about bites because patients tend to use the bite as a solid proprioceptive reference that tells them the position of their body, where they are in space; that they are upright, that they are "balanced" and that they are not falling down. The problem is that the feedback received from the teeth may be linked to a faulty body pattern, may be "phony", or inconsistent with the leg upon which they are standing or the position their body occupies.

Proprioceptive Influence of Teeth

Often times when we remove, through disclusion, the powerful proprioceptive influence the teeth possess...

We immediately reset the nervous system and see profound changes in movement ability...

Neurological Influencers

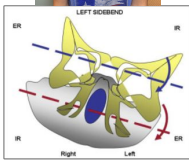
- Shoes
- Orthotics
- Shoes WITH orthotics
- Oral appliances
- Glasses

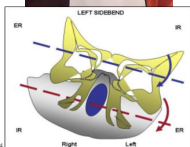
This is an obvious example of a Left CSB pattern patient. Not all are this obvious.

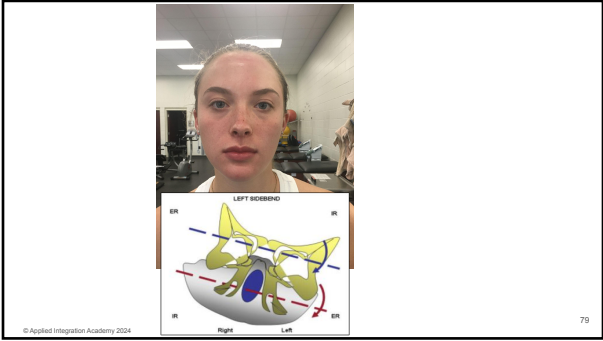


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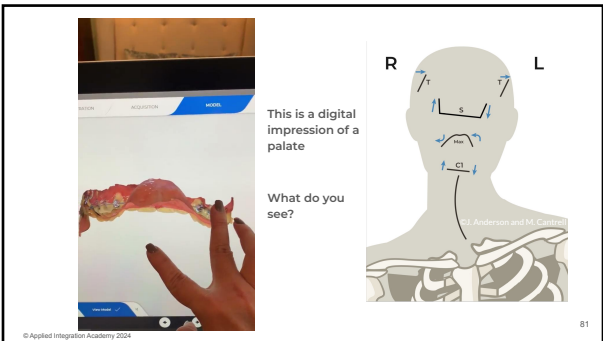
1. L eye lower (orbital cant)
2. Chin going Leftward
3. Counterclockwise face
4. Prominent and/or low L ear











This is a digital impression of a palate

What do you see?



When in Right Stance...

- Left internal rotation of the L greater wing of the sphenoid (L side going toward midline)
- Right external rotation of the R greater wing of the sphenoid (R side going away from midline)

Fig. 2a - Left Side bend, vertex

When in Right Stance...

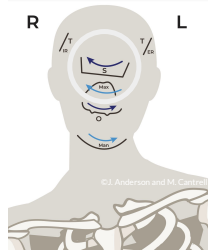
- Distal and upward rotation of the mandibular glenoid fossa of the L temporal bone (meaning the fossa moves back in the direction of the ear)

Fig. 2a - Left Side bend, vertex

Image by Strokon and James, Cranial Strains and Malocclusion: V. Side-Bend part 1, International Journal of Orthodontics, vol 17, no 2, Summer 2006.

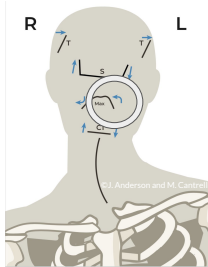
When in Right Stance...

- Rightward (transverse plane) migration of the maxilla (with the sphenoid)



When in Right Stance...

- Loss of solid referencing contact with the L molars because of IR of the L palate



When in Right Stance...

- Increased **R molar contact**
- Obligatory **Leftward migration of the mandible** (condyles follow the temporal fossae)

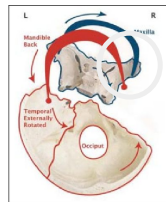


Fig. 20 - Left Sidebend, vertex

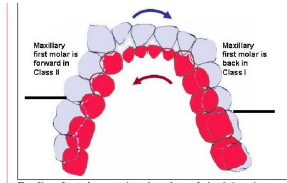
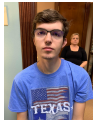
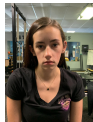


Fig. 2b - Superimposed vertex view of dental arches. Left Sidebend - Schematic



L Sidebend Rotation

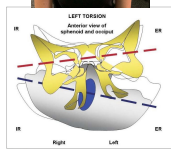
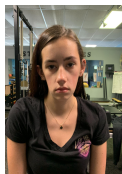
- Counterclockwise face
- L Eye low
- R Eye big
- L Ear prominent &/or low
- Mandible L
- R Shld low
- L Palate IR



R Sidebend Rotation

- Clockwise face
- R Eye low
- L Eye big
- R Ear low
- Mandible R
- L Shld low
- R Palate IR

This is an obvious example of a Right CSB pattern patient. Not all are this obvious.

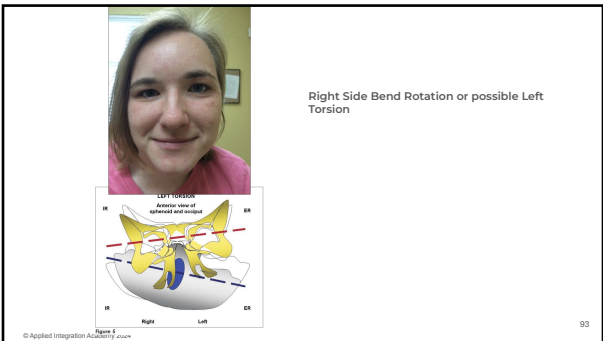


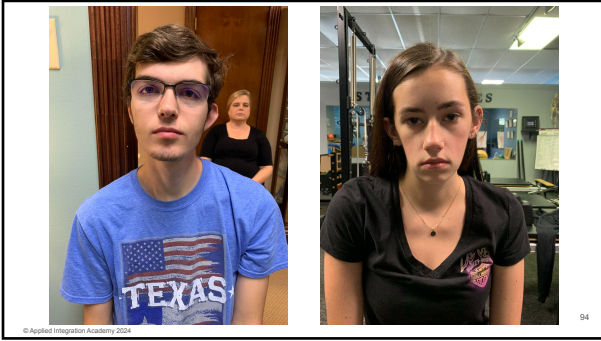
Note:

1. R eye lower (orbital cant)
2. Chin going Rightward
3. Clockwise face
4. Prominent and/or low R ear













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the Mandibular Diaphragm
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Rethinking: Airway **vs** Airflow

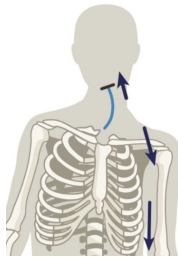
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Airway or Airflow?



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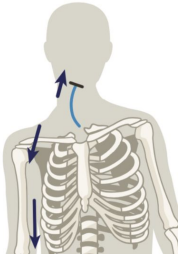
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Understanding the relationship between the **Respiratory Diaphragm** and the **Mandibular Diaphragm**

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"Top-Down" problems with respiration are legitimate concerns and can be quite evident when the patient is closely observed.

A few "Top-Down" considerations that are in your wheelhouse already:

- Tongue ties
- Bruxism
- Medications SSRI's
- Malocclusions
- Upper Airway Restrictions



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There is also a Bottom-Up consideration that should be explored.



That exploration could begin with understanding what is normal respiration

Quiet Respiration vs Challenged Respiration

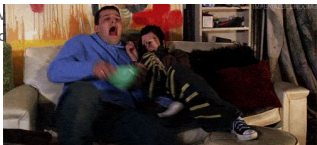
Normal, quiet inhalation is carried-out through activation of the diaphragm and external intercostal muscles. Normal, quiet exhalation is a passive activity that requires no muscle activation but is more dependent upon elastic recoil for expiration.



De Troyer A, Estenne M. *Functional anatomy of the respiratory muscles.* Clin Chest Med 1988;9:175-93

Soley MH, Shock NW. *The aetiology of effort syndrome.* Am J Med Sci 1938; 196: 8

Breathing is always challenged by these



Something as simple as watching an exciting movie, for example, can cause respiratory rates to increase and alter the normal recruitment of respiratory muscles.

Challenges to normal respiratory activity can be even more intense as a result of high-level physical activity or even pathologic in the form of unrelenting, heightened sympathetic drive stemming from moderate to severe psychological disorders such as panic attacks and the like.



Cassart M, Pettiaux N, Gevenois PA, Palva M, Estenne M. Effect of chronic hyperinflation on diaphragm length and surface area. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 1997;156:504-08

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Additionally, positional influences on the ribcage and diaphragm can influence the ability to adequately respire, which could result in increased respiratory rates or altered or increased use of primary or accessory respiratory muscles.

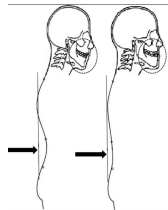


Scoppa F, Pirino A. Is there a relationship between body posture and tongue posture? Glosso-postural syndrome between myth and reality. Acta Medica Mediterranea 2019;35:1903.

Chaitow L. Breathing pattern disorders, motor control and lower back pain. J Osteopath Med 2004;7:33-40.

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Flexion or extension states of the pelvis, spine, ribcage and diaphragm can create difficulties with normal inhalation and exhalation ability.



Correlation between craniofacial parameters and back shape profiles: patients with distal and vertical craniofacial patterns present higher than normal upper thoracic, lumbar-lordotic and pelvic angles; patients with mesial and horizontal craniofacial pattern present smaller than normal upper thoracic, lumbar-lordotic and pelvic angles. Figure modified from Lippold et al. (1971)


Cuccia A, Caradonna C. The relationship between the stomatognathic system and body posture. Clinics 2009;64(1) 61-6.

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In other words: if your mid-face is underdeveloped, check your neck, mid-back and low back curves!

To Recap:

1. Exercise
2. Anxiety
3. Body Position





All 3 can increase respiration, cause abnormal respiration and can increase the use of accessory respiratory muscles

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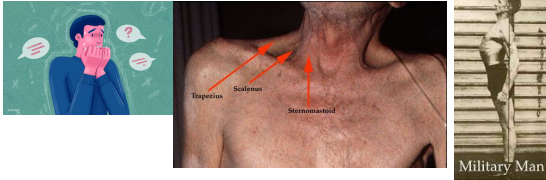
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So not only can there be a neurologic drive (anxiety) for increased use of primary and accessory muscles of respiration there can also be a postural influence on these muscles that creates a demand for their increased activity.



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The diaphragm, when positioned at rest (normal post-exhalation position) is domed and this domed position enhances the Zone of Apposition (ZOA). ZOA is defined by DeTroyer as: that area of the diaphragm encompassing the cylindrical portion of the diaphragm which corresponds to the position directly apposed to the inner aspect of the lower rib cage.

Puranik D, Bhat SR. Spatial changes in upper airway induced by change in head posture in horizontal, average and vertical growth pattern: A comparative lateral cephalometric study. Indian Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Research. 2018;4(4):208-215.

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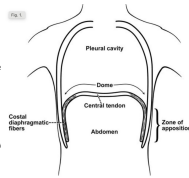


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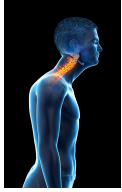
Any compromise to the position of the right or left hemi-diaphragm or to bilateral leaflets of the diaphragm can result in dyspnea (an uncomfortable awareness of one's breathing effort).



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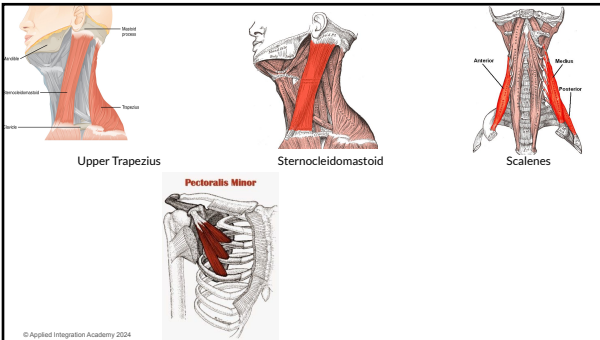
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As dyspnea increases, the rate of respiration can increase. Additionally, posture can change to provide a mechanical advantage for accessory muscles of respiration. (forward head posture or military straight neck)



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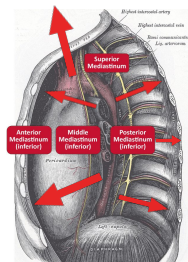
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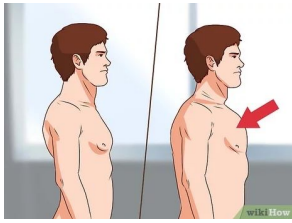
During full mediastinal expansion the chest wall should be able to expand forward apically & inferiorly, laterally, anteriorly and posteriorly.

Accessory muscles can aid in this expansion but primarily act to "lift" the chest wall. This is fine in the short term but must not continue in the long term.



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When the human "lifts" the chest wall with the accessory muscles, he involves almost the entire body!



Cassart M, Peltoux N, Cevenois PA, Paiva M, Estenne M. Effect of chronic hyperinflation on diaphragm length and surface area. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 1997 Aug;156(2 Pt 1):504-8.

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Meet Kayla:

1. Significant scoliosis
2. Pectus Excavatum
3. Compromised Anterior Chest wall expansion
4. Cross bite and invisalign twice with return of X-bite after each
5. Increased bruxism after each invisalign
6. Greater loss of AP chest expansion



Korbmacher H, Koch L, et al. Associations between orthopaedic disturbances and unilateral crossbite in children with asymmetry of the upper cervical spine. *Eur J Orthod.* 2007 Feb;29(1):100-104.

Saccucci M, Tettamanzi L, Mummolo S, Polimeni A, Festa F, Tecco S (2011) Scoliosis and dental occlusion: a review of the literature. *Scoliosis.* 6:35. PMID:21801357

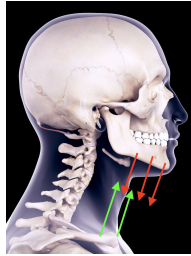
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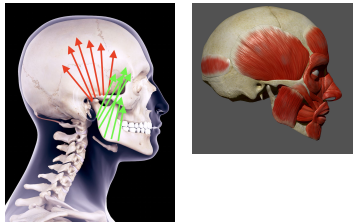
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The upward vectors of pull on the chest by "the accessories" creates downward vectors of pull on the mandible



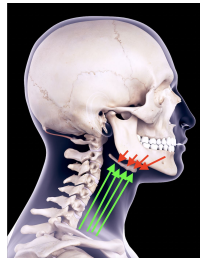
Dasgupta S, Rozario JE. Trioka of posture, occlusion and airway. Indian J Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. Jan-Mar 2005; 72(1):49-54.
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As neck pulls the jaw down, the masseters and temporalis MUST pull up and teeth clench



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Simultaneously there is a downward vector of pull on the tongue as the "struggle" to raise the anterior chest wall continues.



Yamakazi Y, Higashi K, et al. Excessive anterior cervical muscle tone affects hyoid bone kinetics during swallowing in healthy individuals. Clin Interv Aging 2017;12:1903-1910.
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There is a strong tendency for the tongue to then "splint"



To Recap:

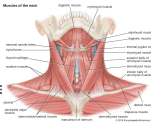
1. As the need to breathe increases (anxiety/hyperinflation)-(hyper-erect posture)
2. Accessory muscles increase activity
3. Chest raises
4. Accessory muscles further increase
5. This pulls jaw and tongue down
6. Teeth MUST clench
7. Tongue MUST lay low and thrust

Now What?

A technique to lower the ribs, centralize the mandible, rib cage and pelvic diaphragms



Diaphragm Posture



Lecture 1 Objectives

1. To understand the components and application of "Respiratory Neurodynamics[®]" (RND[®])
2. To understand normal cranial bone movement possibilities
3. To understand all known cranial strain patterns in context with the Spectrum of Patterns[®]
4. To understand how "The Body IS The Bite" and "The Bite IS The Body"
5. To learn the unrelenting effect of the rib cage on the mandibular diaphragm and cranial performance