Coordinative training as a therapy for temporomandibular joint dysfunction syndrome

Numerous studies in recent decades have proven that home exercises for treating temporomandibular joint dysfunction syndrome have the same therapeutic effect as that of occlusal splints. Recent scientific studies have shown that the masticatory muscles can be trained very effectively, particularly with coordinative exercises at a submaximal force level. The coordinative training causes long-lasting changes in the functional patterns of the muscles. Owing to this training effect, specific cortical regions of the brain are modified. The muscular adaptations induced by the training are an essential effect of successful muscle pain treatment.

RehaBite is the first training device that allows force-controlled intra-oral coordinative training under reproducible training conditions. This is achieved with the aid of a hydrostatic system, comparable to balancing on a see-saw. Other therapeutic effects of RehaBite include post-isometric relaxation (i.e. therapeutically effective relaxation of the muscles after previous tension) and haptic control that works like biofeedback (perception of the muscle function through the finger feedback provided by the RehaBite device). Comparable forms of all these elements can also be found in contemporary physiotherapeutic concepts.

According to clinical research by the Oral Physiology and Experimental Biomechanics group at Heidelberg University and the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany, inter- and intramuscular adaptions are considered to have a successful effect on muscle pain. Exercises with kinematic feedback and electromyographic force-controlled bite exercises and coordinative home exercises with and without technical support have a significant effect in reducing muscle pain.

RehaBite is an innovative training device for home treatment and rehabilitation of muscle pain in the masticatory system. The elastic glycerine-filled bite fork is made of non-toxic flexible plastic material. A major breakthrough is the haptic force control based on the hydrostatic principle.

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