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A critical appraisal of SFOA as compared to traditional surgical orthodontics: A short-term experience demonstrated through clinical cases

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Orthognathic surgery is gaining more positive response in India over the recent years owing to the increase in awareness to facial esthetics as the priority in undergoing treatment for skeletal malocclusions. Worsening of facial appearance during the period of pre-surgical orthodontics has been the reason for shift towards a surgery, first approach in the management of dentofacial deformities. A universal method for the use of surgery, first process is difficult to adapt as most patients worldwide treated by “surgery first” approach belong to skeletal Class III malocclusion. On the contrary, the Indian population showed diversity in ethnic facial pattern and presented more skeletal Class I and Class II malocclusions. The objective of this paper is to highlight differences in treatment planning and execution of surgical first approach in severe skeletal Class I, Class II and Class III malocclusions and compare them to the conventional orthodontics first approach through ideal clinical scenarios and critically evaluate the early results achieved.

Biography

A Nayeemullah khan has completed his Under-graduation and Post-graduation from Meenakshi Ammal Dental College, Chennai. He is presently working as an Assistant-Professor in department of Orthodontics. He has published various articles in orthodontic journals. He is a vivid, resourceful, creative, solution oriented member of the team. The confidence which he shows in facing the varieties of challenges put forth against him, had brought praises from the members of the Cleft and Craniofacial Orthodontic Team. An enthusiastic clinician, he is always looking for higher challenges and stronger competitions, both nationally and internationally. He works effectively as a team member under the direction of other team leaders. His career in the institution and work in the surgical team truly reflect his academic standing.

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