Welcome to Cosmetic Tribune and Hygiene Tribune!

Dental Tribune America has some big news to share with you this month. Earlier this year we gave you a little taste of Cosmetic Tribune during the AADC event and Hygiene Tribune during the ADHA event, but now these two new editions are making their permanent debuts as a part of the Dental Tribune weekly. Once a month you’ll benefit from entirely new content that will feature information from experts in the areas of cosmetic and hygiene.

We welcome your feedback, so please do not hesitate to share it with us!

The critical missing element to complete care: where dentistry and orofacial myofunctional therapy meet (Part 1 of 2)

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I. Problems that can be addressed

❖ Does your patient complain about chronic headaches?
❖ Does your patient have an open-mouth rest posture?
❖ Have your patient’s teeth moved after orthodontic treatment?
❖ Does your patient exhibit an open bite?
❖ Does your patient complain of temporal mandibular joint dysfunction (TMD) or neck pain?
❖ Is the patient’s tongue always “in the way” when you are drilling, scaling or examining the teeth?
❖ Does your patient exhibit a scalloped tongue from pressing against the teeth?
❖ Have you noticed oral habits such as thumb or finger sucking, nail biting, lip licking or hair twirling or chewing?
❖ Does your patient lisp when saying the “s” sounds?
❖ Do you see the tongue come forward against the teeth when swallowing?
❖ Is your patient a mouth breather contributing to anterior gingivitis or open-mouth rest posture?
❖ Is prior periodontal therapy needed?
❖ Is there a tongue tie or oral frenula?
❖ Does the patient have a history of mouth breathing?
❖ Is there evidence of a maxillary or mandibular deficiency?
❖ Does the patient exhibit a forward head posture?
❖ Does your patient have a history of otitis media?
❖ Does your patient have a history of sleep apnea or snoring?
❖ Does the patient have a history of allergies?
❖ Does your patient have a history of a cold or allergic rhinitis?
❖ Does the patient experience mouth sores?
❖ Does the patient have a history of sinusitis?
❖ Does the patient have a history of sleep apnea or snoring?
❖ Does your patient have a history of smoking or tobacco use?
❖ Does your patient have a history of drug or alcohol use?
❖ Does the patient have a history of anemia?
❖ Does the patient have a history of Raynaud’s disease?
❖ Does the patient have a history of TMJ dysfunction?
❖ Does your patient have a history of hearing loss?
❖ Does the patient have a history of diabetes?
❖ Does the patient have a history of a head cold or sinus infection?