Orthognathic surgery and quality of life improvement

The orthognathic surgery has been a life changing surgery for a while. Many studies show that the quality of life of patients with dentofacial deformities subjected to orthognathic surgery improve considerably. The dentofacial deformity itself is a huge negative factor for people. The life of those who carry this deformity is full of negativism and preconception, and even sometimes these people have some degree of depression. Nowadays the appearance and the facial beauty are overvalued and the social relationships in all varieties are influenced by facial beauty. Many studies reported that even the social and economic behavior of beautiful people seems to be better than the non-beautiful ones. The orthognathic surgery improves not only the occlusion but also the facial aesthetics, and this is the reason for this kind of procedure to be done more and more, with such great positive impact, despite all the technical details and possible complications. Two groups of patients were interviewed and the OQLQ (Orthognathic Quality of Life Questionnaire) instrument was applied to them by only one examiner, in order to evaluate if there is some difference in the quality of life of these patients. One group was composed by dentofacial deformities patients in preparation for the surgery, and the other group was composed by patients who already have the surgery done. The results showed statistical difference between groups and suggested that patients subjected to the orthognathic surgery have better quality of life when compared to facial deformity carriers. The orthognathic surgery and the consequent dentofacial correction seem to make a positive effect in the quality of life.

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