



## Technical and Psychological Difference of Maxillofacial Prosthesis Patients from Other Patients

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Maxillofacial defects may be caused by congenital, acquired and after surgical interventions made for neoplasms. These defects, because of their localizations, cause aesthetic problems so that it is impossible for the patients to lead their pre-morbid daily lives. Losing a part of the face or missing congenitally may play a negative effect on social life and psychology of the patient besides adversely affecting the function as well. Maxillofacial prostheses can be admitted as good alternatives as plastic surgery methods, they undertake an important duty. Maxillofacial prostheses aim to maintain the health of the hard and soft tissues and

to improve the esthetics of patients. But the making process is tiring for both the patient and the prosthodontist as well. Conventional methods used in the retention of maxillofacial prostheses are far from providing efficient and satisfactory retention. In recent years, high success rates obtained with implant supported intraoral prostheses have revealed that the low retention rate which is a problem in maxillofacial prostheses could be overcome with the use of an implant. Different procedures of defect patients and them being in different psychological mood affect success of care to be given to these patients.

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