

ELIGIBILITY IN THE PALATE PROSTHESIS: IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM

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Goal: To describe the importance of the involvement of an interdisciplinary team in the indication of the palate prosthesis. Description: The use of the palate prosthesis is suggested after the diagnosis of velopharyngeal insufficiency performed through the nasopharyngoscopy examination. However, this diagnosis is not sufficient to indicate its use, since its adaptation depends on satisfactory oral hygiene, in addition to dental conditions that allow the support of the prosthesis, these aspects must be verified by a dental surgeon. Nevertheless, the maintenance of the prosthesis in the oral cavity does not guarantee the speech disorders correction, for this reason the speech-language intervention is fundamental. There are conditions that make it impossible to use the prosthesis and lead to contraindications, for example, orthodontic treatment, dental absence, poor oral hygiene, absence of a speech-language intervention in the city of origin and the no compromise with the treatment by the patient and/or the family. Conclusion: The involvement of professionals with distinct formations is essential for the adequate indication of the palate prosthesis and consequent speech rehabilitation.