## CT AND MRI 2D, 3D, 4D INVESTIGATIONS TO ENT RESPIRATION

## **INHIBITION EFFECTING MAXILLARY GROWTH REDUCTION**

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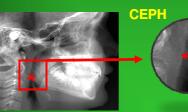
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Objectives: Does pharyngeal airway restriction affect the growth of the maxilla? Which findings can be ascertained? Is there a relation between the extent of obstruction and the developmental disorders of the maxilla?

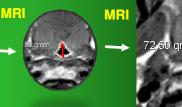
Materials and Methods: The narrowest transversal area of the pharynx is measured with transversal MRI image. The results are compared to the transversal width of the maxilla and its pathological findings.

In totaly 124 patients got to be investigated with MRI respiratory imaging. All Patients with class II okklusion, open bite or tonsillectomy or orthodontic preetreatment have been excluded so that these patientgroup could not adulterate the result.

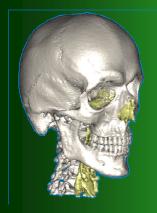






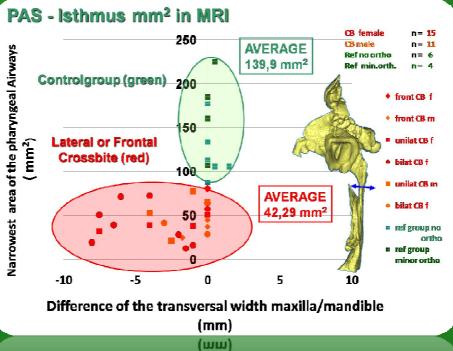


Result: square footage of 42,29 mm<sup>2</sup> at the pharyngeal isthmus. The values range from 12 mm<sup>2</sup> to 80 mThe analysis of 26 Patients with frontal or lateral crossbite as a sign of minor maxillary growth had an average m2. Female patients had lower values than male. The reference control group of 10 Patients with regular developed maxilla and no ENT findings or anamnesis had distinct better pharyngeal areas with measured values from 87mm2 to 225mm2. The square footage on this control-group was totaly different to the group with reduced maxillary growth and had 139,9 mm<sup>2</sup>.



## **Upper:**

3D cranium with superposition of the airwais



Tab. 1 Pharyngeal airway-Isthmus Tonsillaris <sup>Polzar</sup> The control-group (green) have no intersection crossbitethe group. There is a noticeable correlation between the obstruction of the pharyngeal airways and the underdevelopeme nt of the maxilla indicated in the anatomic disproportion of a frontal or lateral crossbite

Difference of the transversal width maxilla/mandible

## **Discussion:**

It is obvious that pharyngeal obstruction effect maxillary development disorders which result in lateral or frontal cross bite or canine shortage of space. Every patient with a verified pharyngeal obstruction had one of these pathological findings. Even though it could not be prove that there will exist a closely coherence between the measure of the transversal width and the narrowness of the pharynx, this study verifies the association between respiratory obstruction and maxillary growth inhibition.

Conclusion: The study proves the thesis that respiratory obstruction induce developmentally disorders of the maxilla. There is a very high incidence evidence between pharyngeal respiratory insufficiency and maxillary growth inhibition. This fact should get more attention to the medical indication of early orthodontic treatment and early ENT investigations.