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ABSTRACT:-

Any orthodontic case must have anchoring carefully planned before beginning active treatment in order to eliminate potential issues during treatment. This article covered every facet of anchorage, including its definition, origins, types, planning, anchorage loss, and methods for preventing it.

INTRODUCTION: -

The third law of Newton states that there will always be an equal in magnitude and direction reaction to every action. Simply retracting the canine against the back teeth might use this in orthodontics. The initial premolar extraction site's canine distalization in opposition to the anchorage unit's posterior teeth's mesial (forward) movement is what is anticipated. While Gardiner et al.[2] defined anchoring as "the site of delivery from which a force is applied," Graber[1] defined it as "the nature and degree of resistance to displacement given by an anatomic unit when used for the purpose of altering tooth movement." Lewis [3] contrasted this by defining anchoring as simply "the resistance to undesirable tooth movement."3. Orthodontic Anchorage's Primary Sources The sources of orthodontic anchoring can be summed up as follows[4–7]:

Intra-oral sources, teeth, alveolar bone, and the cranial bone, Base of the jaw, Muscle tissue Sources other than oral Parietal bone and the occipital bone The cranium, The frontal bone and mandibular symphysis are facial bones. the rear of the neck (cervical bone) A. Intra-oral sources of anchorage. Teeth: In orthodontics, teeth themselves are the most frequently used anchorage unit to resist unwanted movement. Forces can be exerted from one set of teeth to move certain other teeth. Many factors related to the teeth can influence the anchorage like:



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the root form, the size (length) of the roots, the number of the roots, the anatomic position of the teeth, presence of ankylosed tooth, the axial inclination of the teeth, root formation, contact points of teeth and their intercuspation.

In root form The root's cross section is often one of three shapes: spherical, flat (mesio-distally), or triangular. Anchorage is aided by the dispersion of periodontal fibres on the root surface. The possibility for anchoring increases with the number of fibres. The anchoring provided by a tooth is also impacted by the fibres' direction of attachment. Round roots provide the least anchoring because only half of their periodontal fibres are strained in any one orientation. Because more fibres are engaged on the flatter surfaces than the somewhat smaller labial or lingual surfaces, mesio-distally flat roots are more equipped to with stand mesiodistal movement than labio-lingual movement. Like canine roots, triangular roots have the capacity to offer greater anchoring. Their squarishness increases resistance.

The arrangement of roots in a tripod shape, like on maxillary molars, also helps to strengthen the anchoring. The two flat buccal roots and the rounded palatal root both withstand intrusion and mesio-distal pressures. The more the roots are anchored, the stronger they will be. Due to their lengthy roots, the maxillary canines may occasionally prove to be the hardest teeth to move in a clinical setting. The periodontal support and, consequently, the anchoring potential, increase as the surface area of the root increases. Compared to single rooted teeth with identical root length, multirooted teeth offer better anchoring.

The teeth's placement within each particular arch can occasionally enhance their ability to anchor. Similar to the mandibular second molars, which are situated between the external oblique and the mylohyoid ridge, they offer more resistance to mesial movement. Such teeth cannot move during orthodontic treatment, making them great anchors wherever possible.

Greater resistance or anchoring is offered by teeth that are slanted in the opposite direction as the force being applied. Teeth with inadequate root development are more mobile and have less anchoring power. Greater anchoring is provided by teeth with tight intact structures and/or broad contacts. Greater anchoring potential is the result of good intercuspation. This is mostly due to the fact that teeth in one jaw cannot move because they come into contact with teeth in the opposing jaw. This is particularly true for teeth in the posterior segment, which also exhibit attrition facets.

Up to a certain force, the investing alveolar bone surrounding the roots provides resistance to tooth movement; but, beyond that force, bone remodelling will occur. Alveolar bone that is less dense provides less anchoring. Anchorage is increased as bone ages. This happens as a result of two things: first, the bone becomes more calcified, which slows down the disintegration process; and second, the bone's ability to regenerate itself becomes lessened. Increased anchoring is provided by forces that are distributed over a larger bone surface area.

Ricketts proposed utilising cortical bone as an anchor. The claim is that the cortical bone has less blood supply and bone turnover, making it denser. Therefore, particular teeth would have



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a stronger anchoring potential if they were torqued to make contact with the cortical bone. Since the likelihood of such teeth becoming non-vital is higher and tooth roots also exhibit resorption in such circumstances, the theory as a whole is still debatable. To improve intraoral anchoring, the lingual surface of the anterior mandible and the hard palate of the basal jaw bone can be used. The Nance palatal button prevents the mesial migration of the maxillary molars by using the anchorage that the hard palate offers.

The perioral musculature contributes significantly to the formation and development of the dental arches under normal conditions. The anterior teeth may space and flare due to hypotonicity of the peri-oral muscles. The opposite result occurs when the same muscles are overtonic. An appliance known as a lip bumper makes use of the tonicity of the lip musculature and strengthens the mandibular molars' anchoring potential to stop their mesial movement.

From the occipital or parietal portions of the cranium, headgears received their anchorage. These are utilised in conjunction with a face bow to stop maxilla growth or to transfer the maxillary teeth distally.

- 2.facial skeleton:Face mask therapy uses the frontal bone (forehead region) and mandibular symphysis (chin region) as resistance units to protract the maxilla.
- 3. the rear of the neck (cervical bone). The cervical area or back of the neck provided anchorage for the cervical headgears. Additionally, they are employed to alter the maxilla or maxillary teeth.
- 4. Classification of Anchorage

Anchorage could be broadly categorized [8] as follows:

- I. Depending on how the force was applied:
- 1. Easy anchoring
- 2. a fixed anchorage
- 3. Mutual anchoring
- II. In line with jaws involved

Initial intra-maxillary anchoring

Intermaxillary anchorage, second

III. As stated on the anchorage site:

Intra-oral anchoring, first

2. Anchorage outside the mouth:



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Occipital, Cranial, Cervical, and Facial

- 3. Anchorage of muscles
- IV. Based on the quantity of anchorage units:
- 1. Primary or single anchorage

Compound anchorage 2.

- 3. Several or stronger anchors.
- V. In line with anchorage requirements[5,9-10]:
- 1. The greatest anchorage (Type A anchorage).
- 2. Anchorage that's moderate (Type B anchorage).
- 3. The bare minimum anchor (Type C anchorage).
- 4. Unqualified anchorage (direct and indirect anchorage).

Anchorage was divided into the following six groups by Gardiner et al. [2]:

- 1. Basic
- 2. Immobile
- 3. Equitable
- 4. Strengthened Intermaxillary
- 5. Non-oral.
- 6. In light of the way force was applied

This type of force is administered in such a way and with such technique that it has a tendency to alter the axial inclination of the anchor tooth or teeth in the plane of space where the force is applied. In other words, the anchorage unit's resistance to tipping is used to move one or more teeth. The device typically engages more teeth in this sort of anchoring than are intended to be moved within the same dental arch. The anchor teeth's combined root surface area should ideally be twice as large as the teeth that need to be relocated. In a simple anchorage system, the total moving force component of the appliance is divided by the number of anchored teeth to determine the force acting on each individual anchor tooth.

It is known as dental anchorage when the way that force is applied tends to physically shift the anchoring unit in the plane of space that this force is being applied. In this kind of anchorage, other teeth are moved by taking advantage of the anchor teeth's resistance to physical movement. When compared to simple anchorage, stationary anchorage offers more resistance to unintentional tooth movement.



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The term 'reciprocal anchoring' describes the resistance provided by two abnormally positioned units when equal and opposing pressures tend to drive each unit in the direction of a more typical occlusion. Move teeth or groups of teeth with equal anchoring potential in opposite directions during several treatment processes. In these conditions, it is plausible to use their anchoring forces as movement forces to effect the needed changes. Inter maxillary traction is a commonly used method of reciprocal anchorage in which forces used to move all or a portion of one dental arch in one direction are anchored by equal forces by moving the opposing arch in the opposite direction, thus correcting discrepancies in both dental arches. This technique is also used to correct single-tooth crossbite and midline diastemas.

The anchorage known as intra-maxillary anchorage occurs when the resistance units are located inside the same jaw. Appliances are regarded as intra-maxillary resistance units if they are only positioned in the maxillary or mandibular dental arches. An illustration of class I elastic is that which spans either of the dental arches from first molar to canine teeth.

Inter-maxillary anchorage, also known as Baker's anchorage, is the anchorage in which the structures located in one jaw are used to influence the movement of the teeth in the opposite jaw. Good examples include Class III elastic extended from upper molar to lower canine to correct class III malocclusion and Class II elastic stretched from upper canine to lower molar to impact correction of class II malocclusion.

7. Intra-oral Anchorage

Intra-oral anchorage refers to the employment of intra-oral structures as anchor units, such as teeth and other anatomical regions.

You may think of mini-screws as an absolute intra-oral anchorage.

The anchorage created from extraoral structures is known as extra-oral anchorage. It contained:

- 1. Use of cervical pull headgear for the cervical region.
- 2. Use of occipital pull headgear for the occipital region.
- 3. Use of reverse pull headwear for the forehead and chin.

In some circumstances, the peri-oral musculature might serve as anchorage units. For instance, the lip bumper causes the mandibular first tooth to distalize by using the force of the lower lip musculature.

8. Single or Primary Anchorage: The term "single or primary anchorage" refers to the resistance offered by a single tooth with more alveolar support to move a tooth with smaller alveolar support, such as retraction of a premolar utilising a molar tooth. A tooth or group of teeth with less support is moved by using more than one tooth with a higher capacity for anchoring.



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Multiple anchors or reinforced anchors

It commonly occurs that the teeth that may be used as basic anchors are either too few or too little to withstand the stresses required for orthodontic treatment, and reciprocal anchorage is inappropriate for the intended course of treatment. In such a situation, the anchorage must be strengthened to prevent the anchor teeth from moving unintentionally. When more than one sort of resistance unit is used, anchorage is considered to be strengthened.

9. Anchorage Demands claims: When very little anchoring can be lost in order to achieve treatment goals, this is referred to as maximum anchorage (Type A anchorage).

Moderate anchoring (Type B anchorage) is when space closure should be accomplished by the reciprocal movement of both the active and the anchorage segments and anchorage is not critical.

A circumstance in which a significant displacement of the anchoring segment (anchorage loss) is preferred during space closure is known as a minimum anchorage (Type C anchorage).

The treatment objectives call for very minimal anchoring to be lost, according to Anchorage Demands: Maximum anchorage (Type A anchorage).

This kind of anchorage prevents mesial migration of the anchor unit, preserving all of the space at the extraction site. In order to ensure absolute anchoring without patient cooperation, orthodontic therapy has recently incorporated titanium temporary skeletal anchorage devices (TSADs), such as mini-implants.

These mini-screws are small enough to be inserted into various alveolar bone regions.

- 10. Anchorage Planning in Orthodontic Cases: It is crucial to account for space that will likely be lost due to the anchor teeth's constant movement when evaluating the amount of space needed to correct the malocclusion in a particular situation. The anchorage criterion is determined by[3,9]:
- 1. The number of teeth that need to be moved; the necessity for anchorage increases as the number of teeth moved increases. The strain on the anchor teeth will be reduced if teeth are moved in segments, such as retraction of the canine separately as opposed to the entire anterior segment.
- 2. The type of teeth that need to be moved; canines are harder to shift than incisors or molars or premolars because they put more force on the anchor teeth due to their big, flat roots and/or multiple roots.
- 3. The type of tooth movement; tipping the same teeth uses less force than physically moving the same teeth.



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- 4. The dentition's periodontal health; unlike healthy teeth anchored to a robust periodontium, teeth with diminished bone support or teeth with poor periodontal health are more mobile.
- 5.The length of tooth movement; ongoing therapy stresses the anchor teeth more. The anchor teeth may not alter much during short-term treatment, but if treatment is sustained, the same teeth may not be able to endure the same forces as effectively.
- 6.The amount of crowding or space should be evaluated as part of the treatment planning process. Visual evaluation or a more formal spatial analysis might be used for this. When all or most of the space created—most frequently through tooth extraction—is necessary in order to achieve the desired tooth motions, maximum anchoring support is needed.
- 7. Treatment goals: The less teeth that must be moved to accomplish the goals of the treatment, the less anchorage is required; however, if the treatment is complicated and numerous teeth must be moved, the anchorage requirement will be higher. The goals of treatment ought to be obvious. In situations where a Class II molar relationship exists, more anchoring will be required to obtain a Class I molar (and canine) relationship as opposed to a Class II molar (and Class I canine). The success of all treatments depends on achieving a Class I canine relationship; as a result, anchoring planning should pay attention to both the anticipated molar motions and, more significantly, the movements of the canines that are necessary to accomplish this.
- 8.Growth rotation and skeletal pattern; individuals with an elevated vertical dimension or backward growth rotation have been linked to an increased rate of tooth movement. It has been claimed that in certain high-angled cases, space closure or anchoring loss may happen more quickly. In contrast, space loss or anchorage loss may be delayed in a patient with smaller vertical dimensions or a forward growth rotation. The relative strength of the face muscles, with decreased vertical dimensions having a stronger musculature, has been suggested as one reason for this phenomenon.
- 9. The angles and positions of the teeth; typically, a complete control of anchoring will be required in cases of bi-protrusiveness or severe proclination of the anterior teeth. In this manner, we may fully utilise the extraction spaces.
- 10. The angle of the mandibular plane (high or low). With various extra-oral anchorage devices, this angle's inclination can be changed (High Pull, Head Gear, and Face Bow).
- 11. Spee curve depth,
- 12. The patient's age. In light of this, we must choose an anchorage type while taking the patient's growth factor into account.
- 13.Patient information. In order to change this type of profile in patients with biprotrusive type, we will require very strong posterior anchoring.



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14.Bone features in the area; teeth that are embedded in trabecular bone move more easily. However, because cortical bone is more compact, denser, laminated, and has a smaller blood supply, its anchorage amount increases when it is present. Dental mobility is primarily influenced by blood supply since it moves more slowly due to a delayed physiologic resorption process and osseous apposition.

With Fixed Appliance Anchorage There are numerous ways to raise anchoring value with the fixed appliance, including [5,9]:

- 1. The second molars are banded or bonded.
- 2. Reducing the number of teeth that must be moved at one time.
- 3. Bringing the anchor teeth's apices up against the cortex
- 4. A wire stopper in front of the molars.
- 5. Reverse ligature (figure of 8 ligation).
- 6. The archwire's "Apical torque" and "Toe-in and Tip back bends" (anchor bends for posterior anchorage and anterior anchorage, respectively). The Removable and Myofunctional Appliances in Anchorage. In addition to a fixed appliance, removable appliances can be employed to strengthen anchoring when used together. They increase anchorage because of their palatal covering. Other design elements that support anchoring include of [3]:
- •Anteriorly by colleting acrylic around the back teeth; slanted bite-blocks, palatal bows, or incisor capping.
- •Transversely-When an expansion screw or coffin screw is used to increase the palatal transverse dimension, the pitting of one side of the arch against the other might strengthen transverse anchoring.
- •Vertically either by allowing differential eruption with the use of an anterior bite-plane during treatment of a high angle patient, or by lowering the vertical dimensions by intruding the posterior teeth. The treatment of a Class II malocclusion can be aided by functional appliances that combine all of these three-dimensional qualities and can also be used to gain anchoring in the anteroposterior direction.

Anchorage loss occurs when the reaction unit or anchor unit moves in place of the teeth [4,5].

- 1. Not properly wearing the device.
- 2. Excessive spring or active component activation
- 3. The channel of tooth movement is blocked by acrylic or another substance.
- 4. Poor appliance retention.
- 5. Anterior bite plane: The occlusal interlock is removed by this.



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- 6. The root area of the tooth or teeth that will be relocated cannot be significantly larger than the anchor root area.
- 7. If the device stimulates the anchor teeth's tendency to tip and the body to shift the teeth.
- 8. Using a lot of force to move teeth
- 9. Ineffective anchorage planning

Means to Detect Anchorage Loss [5]

- 1. Making comparisons between the placement of other teeth and those in the same and opposite arch.
- 2. A rise in the overjet.
- 3. Verifying the detachable device's functionality in the mouth.
- 4. Calculations of the anchor teeth's separation from the midline.
- 5. Measurements from the frenum and palatal ruga.
- 6. The spacing anterior/distal to the anchor teeth is observed.
- 7. The anchor teeth's inclination.

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