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From the Editor

The topic of this issue is *Orofacial Pain and Temporomandibular Disorders*. The Guest Editor is Dr. James R. Fricton, Associate Professor of the Department of Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. The issue is comprised of scientifically-based articles on various areas related to temporomandibular disorders which are relevant to the clinician interested in musculoskeletal rehabilitation related to the head and neck. We hope it will be a valuable addition to your library.

In his usual tongue and cheek style, Dr. Ernest Johnson cautions us on the use, and potential abuse, of physical treatment. Dr. Fricton, the Guest Editor, provides us with a review of recent advances in orofacial pain and temporomandibular disorders. Next, Dr. Steven Graff-Radford gives a comprehensive overview of orofacial pain.

Dr. Michel Steenks and colleagues, from The Netherlands, bring us the results of a study determining the reliability of six orthopedic tests applied to the masticatory system in patients with signs and/or symptoms of TMD. Following this, Drs. Stephen Harkins and Luis Cueva provide a look into potential etiologic factors in TMD: (1) oral parafunctional habits and (2) systemic ligament hypermobility.

Dr. Frank Lobbezoo and co-authors discuss Bruxism and its relationship to temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain while Dr. Fricton offers the most recent information on diagnostic criteria, clinical characteristics, proposed pathophysiology, and treatment strategies for myofascial pain.

In the final article, Dr. Daniel Laskin presents a look at the role of surgery in the management of chronic TMJ pain.

We hope you find this issue educational and informative. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

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