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Doctor Barry Dolman, President, Ordre des dentistes du Québec
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RE: Temporomandibular Disorder

Dear Dr. Dolman:

Greetings from the American Alliance of TMD Organizations.

www.tmdalliance.org Our organization was created in 1995 to represent the broad interests of professional organizations and their member practitioners who understand the importance of effective diagnosis and treatment of cranio-oral-facial disorders including TMD. The names of our member organizations and their number of members is listed below.

We have become aware through our members that a letter from your office was disseminated to the dentists in Quebec regarding some restrictions on TMD treatments. From the pdf we received it appears the ODQ is restricting any TMD diagnosis and treatment to the Bio-Psycho-Social philosophy as proposed by Dr. Charles S. Greene. We feel this is in opposition to several of our 10 principles regarding treatment of TMD as listed on our website. Our third principle states: “TMD and associated facial pain disorders/diseases may encompass physical, functional, cognitive, and psycho-social factors all of which may contribute to patient’s symptoms and complaints. Dental occlusion may have a significant role in TMD; as a cause, precipitating, and/or perpetuating factor. Any or all aspects may be taken into consideration when developing diagnoses and treatments accepting that TMD and associated co-morbidities including other pain disorders may be multi-factorial in nature.”

Therefore, the TMD Alliance is in opposition to the philosophy proposed by Dr. Charles S. Greene regarding the sole use of Bio-Psycho-Social treatment for TMJ disorders and holds that occlusion can be a causative factor in TMD.
We request you re-consider the restrictions being placed upon dentists in Quebec and invite you to also consider a broader reasonable guideline as our Alliance members have come to adopt. We also offer our expertise and experience in assisting you in this endeavor.

Respectfully;

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CRANIOFACIAL PAIN – 991
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PAIN MANAGEMENT – 6,000
AMERICAN EQUILIBRATION SOCIETY – 900
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMPREHENSIVE AESTHETICS - 825
INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF CRANIO-MANDIBULAR ORTHOPEDICS - 175
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS - 2723
SACRO OCCIPITAL TECHNIQUE ORGANIZATION—USA - 207
TENNESSEE CRANIO – 21
TOTAL: 11,842