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The role of the dental professional in the detection and management of pediatric sleep-disordered breathing - Michael K. DeLuke, DDS, MDS



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DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COST	REGISTRATION	CE INFO
Wednesday, September 23, 2026	8:30am Breakfast 9:00am – 4:00pm EST	150 Motor Pkwy Hauppauge, NY. 11788 Lower Level - Media Center	ADA member: \$300 Non-member: \$600 Aux: \$125 ADA Resident: \$60	CLICK HERE We offer full refunds or credit up till 7 days before the date of the event	7 CE Course #2026-03

The role of the dental professional in the detection and management of pediatric sleep-disordered breathing

Pediatric sleep-disordered breathing (SDB), a general term for breathing difficulties during sleep ranging from loud snoring to obstructive sleep apnea, is a significant and often undiagnosed problem impacting the lives of numerous children. Sadly, for many of the children suffering from SDB, their condition often goes undiagnosed, leading to significant and unnecessary oral and systemic health implications that will impact them for the duration of their lives. Therefore, it is essential that the dental practitioner recognize the signs and symptoms of pediatric SDB, understand how to make the appropriate referral(s) to their dental and/or medical colleagues, and be cognizant of the role that interceptive orthodontic treatment can play in the improvement of SDB.

Dr. DeLuke will review the literature regarding the etiology, prevalence, and health implications of SDB in the pediatric population, describe the oral and systemic signs and symptoms most commonly present in patients who suffer from SDB, and demonstrate a unique and innovative approach to the interceptive orthodontic treatment of these patients. Numerous patient cases will be presented to exemplify how the dentist, orthodontist, and ENT/allergist can work together to transform the lives of children suffering from SDB. Whether you treat pediatric patients, screen and refer pediatric patients to your colleagues, or know any children (including your own!) who suffer from SDB, you do not want to miss this presentation!

Learning Objectives

- Review the etiology and prevalence of SDB in pediatric patients.
- Discuss the clinical signs and symptoms (both oral and systemic) of SDB in pediatric patients.
- Demonstrate how to radiographically evaluate the airway of pediatric patients using low-dose CBCT imaging.
- Review when and how to refer a pediatric patient with an airway issue to the ENT and/or allergist.
- Review the traditional options for orthodontic treatment to expand the arches of a pediatric patient.
- Explain an innovative technique to painlessly expand the arches, improve airway patency, and eliminate the need for extraction of permanent teeth using interceptive orthodontic treatment in preadolescent patients who suffer from SDB.

Michael K. DeLuke, DDS, MDS

Dr. Michael K. DeLuke obtained his DDS from SUNY Stony Brook, where he graduated as class valedictorian and was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He obtained his Certificate of Proficiency in Orthodontics and Master of Dental Science (MDS) degree from the University of Connecticut, serving as Chief Resident in his final year. Dr. DeLuke is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, served as the orthodontist on the prestigious Cleft Craniofacial Team at Albany Medical Center, served as a clinical professor at Ellis Hospital, the University of Connecticut Health Center Department of Orthodontics, and the NSU College of Dental Medicine in the Department of Orthodontics. He is currently a visiting adjunct faculty member in the Montefiore Einstein Orthodontic Residency Program. Dr. DeLuke owned and operated DeLuke Orthodontics in Upstate NY from 2005 – 2023, and launched DeLuke Orthodontic Coaching in 2022 with the mission of helping his colleagues succeed both personally and professionally. He has lectured at numerous regional and national meetings over the past 20 years, has published multiple articles in orthodontic journals, and sits on the editorial board of OrthoTown Magazine. Dr. DeLuke is also the creator and host of The DOC Podcast.



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