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Topic 13: TheraBite[®] Guidelines

TheraBite®: Passive motion, **Strengthening and Stretching**

TheraBite Jaw Mobilizer provides anatomically correct jaw motion.



Normal mouth opening range is between 40 mm and 50 mm.

Trismus refers to when the opening is less than 40 mm. This can result in pain and/or spasms.

Treatment Objectives with the TheraBite® Jaw Motion Rehabilitation System[™]

- Stretch Muscle Tissue
- Mobilize Joints
- Strengthen and Increase Flexibility of Muscles
- Reduce Pain and Inflammation
- Improve Speech and Swallowing
- Improve ROM





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Please Read the Instructions for Use Manual for **Complete Usage Guidelines.**

- 1. Measure mouth opening using TheraBite Range of Motion (ROM) scales and record on the progress chart.
- 2. Attach the bites pads to the TheraBite as indicated in the manual.
- 3. Place the upper and lower mouthpiece in your mouth.
- 4. Gently squeeze down on the range setting arm until maximum opening is reached while still comfortable. If you go beyond comfort, it can actually make your mouth opening worse.
- 5. Set the maximum mouth opening by using the fine adjustment knob.

7-7-7 Protocol:

- Hold for 7 seconds.
- Let go.
- Repeat 7 times in a row.
- Repeat process 7 times per day.

5-5-30 Protocol:

- Hold for 30 seconds.
- Let go.
- Repeat 5 times in a row.
- Hold final stretch for 30 seconds.
- Repeat process 5 times per day.

Gradually increase maximum mouth opening by slowly turning the fine adjustment knob counter clockwise while making sure there is no pain.

- Your clinician may recommend a different protocol. Tip: Please follow your clinician's instructions.
- Regular use is key in improving mouth opening. Tip:
- Use soap and water to clean the TheraBite Jaw Mobilizer. Tip:

Caution: DO NOT USE IF YOU HAVE OSTEORADIONECROSIS **AND/OR A FRACTURED JAW!**

If the user feels unexpected pain at any time while using the TheraBite system, the user should immediately stop using the TheraBite and immediately contact his or her clinician.



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