

# Learning Objectives

MedBridge

*Orofacial Pain: Introduction, History, and Examination*

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## Course Objectives

- *Understand the relevance of integrating both central and peripheral nervous system processes in understanding the complex nature of pain and in determining an accurate diagnosis and treatment plan for the patient with orofacial pain.*
- *Perform a valid and clinically based examination for patients with TMD and orofacial pain.*

## Chapter 1: Orofacial Pain and Functional Anatomy of the Temporomandibular System

- *Understand that orofacial pain is an integration of messages from both the peripheral and central nervous system.*
- *Describe the basic functional anatomy of the masticatory system.*

## Chapter 2: Diagnostic Classifications

- *Apply the DC/TMD to a classification model developed by the author as a modification of the DC/TMD from the AAOP.*

## Chapter 3: Physical Therapy Examination

- *Understand the key elements of taking a history for patients with orofacial pain.*
- *Describe the physical exam components of observation, mobility, neurological screening, orthopedic special tests, and palpation, with patients presenting with orofacial pain.*

## Chapter 4: Physical Therapy Examination

- *Apply proper elements of history taking and physical examination to an actual patient case.*
- *Determine if red flags exist and consider synthesis of the examination data for patient evaluation.*