

Foreword

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“The concept of orthodontics has changed. Today the face is considered less of an architectural feature and more of an actual organ, to which one must apply not the geometrical but the medical mind.”
Julien Philippe

In recent years, we have experienced a period of transformation and modernization in orthodontic treatments. Orthodontics has become a real specialty not only in dentistry but also in medicine in the noble sense of the word. Today, we are, in the same way as pediatricians, ENTs, and maxillofacial specialists, counterparts and key players in the care of child and adolescent health. These advances are the result of a vast research effort, both fundamentally and clinically.

Like all medical disciplines, orthodontics is constantly evolving. Nowadays, it is inconceivable to ignore continuous education or to apply therapies that have been inadequately validated, even if they are recommended by renowned schools of thought. Any therapy intended to treat people must have clinically proven benefits and must only be applied after taking into consideration all the ethical, technical, and clinical characteristics. New treatment benchmarks have been established. These technical, philosophical, and diagnostic

changes have improved the predictability and quality of our treatments and made interdisciplinary collaborations indispensable. The use of oral and periodontal surgery in our treatments has made it possible to strengthen our exchanges and exponentially increase the possible scope of orthodontics. That is why we must open ourselves to modern concepts from different disciplines to get to know each other and to collaborate. This issue aims to serve the daily clinic by presenting the latest advances in oral surgery and periodontal surgery so that our patients can access the best of our orthodontic treatments. The authors who participated in its development are all experienced clinicians, hospital and university specialists, and active members of renowned associations for the promotion of orthodontics, oral surgery, and periodontal surgery. Their statements are based on the

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fundamentals and innovative clinical aspects of their disciplines, which they all practice exclusively.

This cooperation can be considered from a preventive point of view. Cyril Goubbron will first explain the precautions and pre-orthodontic reinforcement treatments to be applied in patients with fragile periodontal phenotypes.

To improve the stability of orthodontic treatments while opening new opportunities of dental movement, Jean-Gabriel Chillès will propose a management approach via the weakening of the labiomental strap and corticotomies.

The treatment of canines in retained positions is a routine practice at our practices that systematically involves interdisciplinary collaboration. Nicolas Henner will detail the various surgical techniques for the release of impacted canines that maintain the integrity of the adjacent teeth and periodontium.

Virginie Monnet-Corti will present the indications, timing, methods, and surgical techniques adapted for the completion of vestibular frenectomies, an anatomical standardization sometimes essential for the stability of our treatments.

Chloé Bernard-Granger will open up new perspectives by introducing

us to a simple and clever orthodontic anchorage allowing the distalization of mandibular molars.

The main pathologies of the oral mucosa, a poorly known subject among orthodontists, will be described by Ludovic Sicart.

An update will be provided on accelerated treatment with alveolar corticotomies by Timothée Gellee.

Finally, the UFR team in Rennes will present an old technique that is not very well developed and sometimes criticized, but for which we all agree on the services it can provide in some cases: transplantation. You will also find your usual press review by Hélène Guiral-Dénoës and a new "Geek Corner" section where Laurent Petitpas will share with you his passion for technological developments.

We hope that the extensive program in this issue will enlighten you and that it will be a source of enrichment and reflection for you by highlighting the need for collaboration between the indispensable allies of periodontal, oral, and orthodontic surgeries.

Happy reading.

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