

CHECKLIST FOR PEDIATRICIANS

TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR EARLY JAW ORTHOPAEDIC INTERVENTION IN A CHILD WITH A WRONG OROFACIAL GROWTH PATTERN AND UPPER AIRWAY DEFICIENCY.

Referring Physician: _____

Patient: _____ **Date:** _____

1. ___ FREQUENT EARACHES
2. ___ MOUTH BREATHER
3. ___ ADENOTONSILLAR HYPERTROPHY (CHRONIC)
4. ___ CHILD IS FATIGUED AND/OR CANNOT FOCUS.
5. ___ CHILD GRINDS AT NIGHT
6. ___ CHILD SNORES AT NIGHT
7. ___ FORWARD HEAD POSTURE
8. ___ OBESITY OR DELAYED GROWTH (Metabolic changes)
9. ___ TOOTH CROWDING OR PREMATURE EXTRACTIONS
10. ___ BABY FRONT TEETH HAVE NO SPACING
11. ___ OVERCLOSED BITE. (Can't see the lower front teeth when biting)
12. ___ LARGE OVERBITE.

A lateral cephalogram will reveal upper airway narrowing or obstruction at the adenoid and tonsillar levels. Cephalometric analysis will determine whether there is a skeletal mandibular retrognathia, which further narrows the airway.