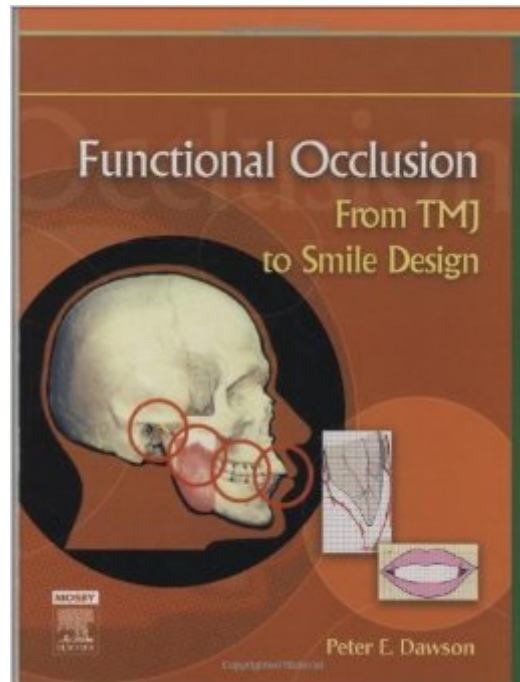


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# Functional Occlusion: From TMJ To Smile Design



## Synopsis

This book uses an interdisciplinary approach to explain the origin of and possible solutions to many different occlusal problems. Dr. Peter E. Dawson guides the reader along the way providing balanced explanations of theory and technique. He also debunks many popular misconceptions through practical discussion of their origins and the deficiencies of the arguments behind them. Different sides of many philosophies are presented while guiding the reader to the most functional and esthetic solution to various occlusal situations. Hundreds of full-color photographs, illustrations, and diagrams show aspects of the masticatory system, the epidemiology of occlusal problems, and procedures for finding the ideal occlusion. Whether the reader is a general dentist or a specialist, they will find this book applicable to their treatment methods and philosophies.

**OUTSTANDING FEATURES** Special atlas sections break down complex information accompanied by descriptive diagrams and photographs to further explain sources of occlusal disorders and related pain. Hundreds of full-color photographs and illustrations show problems and procedures. Procedure boxes offer step-by-step explanations of specific procedures. Important Considerations boxes in the Treatment chapters outline treatment plans and describe what is to be accomplished. Programmed treatment planning, a specific process that guides a clinician through every step for solving even the most complex restorative or esthetic challenge. The role of TMJs and occlusion in "everyday" dentistry. The role of occlusion in orofacial pain and TMD, and in anterior esthetics. Simplified occlusal equilibration and how to explain this process to patients. The functional matrix concept for exceptional, foolproof smile design. The five options for occlusal correction and how to apply them to practice. Use and abuse of occlusal splints. Coordinating occlusal treatment with specialists for a fully interdisciplinary approach. Specific criteria for success and how to test for each.

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I've attended over 130 hours of continuing education classes at the Dawson Academy. And, essentially, this book is the teachings of the core concepts of the Dawson philosophy. If you can't afford to spend tens of thousands of dollars like I did attending his center, then this book comes as a close second. The golden nugget of the Dawson philosophy is that form follows function. The book is well illustrated with copious amounts of color photos, diagrams and illustrations. I understand that Dr. Dawson did some of the illustrations himself which are fair. I guess I can be a little picky since I have a Master's degree in medical illustration as well as in dentistry. I refer to this book consistently to refresh my memory from the courses I've taken and I also pick up something new each time I read it. The only chapters that I don't pay much attention to are the ones that refer to Dr. Piper's system of classification on TMJ derangements. I tend to refer instead to Dr. Okeson's text book on TMD disorders which is a simpler system for the general dentist. I feel I would have to attend a few of Dr. Piper's course before I felt comfortable using his system. In a nutshell, this is probably Dr. Dawson's final gift to the dental community as he enters his twilight years. He is one of the living legends that I have the greatest respect for. His philosophy ties in well with other master dentists such as Dr. Frank Spear, Dr. John Kois, and Dr. Terry Tanaka.

Well, I have to say that this book has changed my whole practice since I bought it. I'll tell you what: we better have a philosophy to follow in order to treat our patients into a comprehensive approach. We better understand what's behind patient's dental problems in order to fix them and most important, to prevent them from recurring. Dr. Dawson has decades of experience and you're gonna see the results on a daily basis. I can't see a better approach out there for the dentists to treat their patients in a very predictable manner. It doesn't matter if you're a Specialist or a General Dentist. No more guessing on what you're doing! It's a must-have. Trust me.

For the first time I could find a comprehensive textbook on occlusion and TMJ position, and applying these in practice. Lots of pictures and clinical hints. It's clinically oriented so General dentists should have it as an asset in their libraries.

I am so glad I bought Functional Occlusion! Dr. Dawson takes a very dry subject and makes it fascinating. Each chapter is brief so the reader can finish the section and absorb it thoroughly

before moving on. Written principles are simplified with diagrams and photographs. It contains all of the nuts and bolts with no fluff. This one scores "100".

Purchased this book , tha fullfiled all of mine aspectsations. Well organized, easy to follow.,logical, excellent explanations. Excellen photos.Thrilled,.Think that it will greatly help me in my practice.

The book contains an enormous amount of information and covers many topics, the problem is that there's no real bibliography that supports the data, basically the author is just giving his advice based on his own experience but no real science to back it up.

Pete has really tied these two topics together nicely, transforming a dry and boring topic into a sexy, stimulating meal for your grey matter.Illustrations are fair, content superb, priced well, but with a terrible cover.....EDUCATE YOURSELF AND STIMULATE YOUR MATES

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