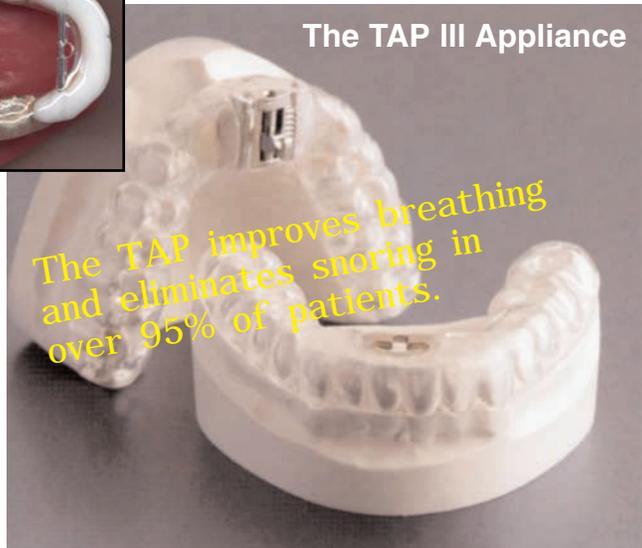
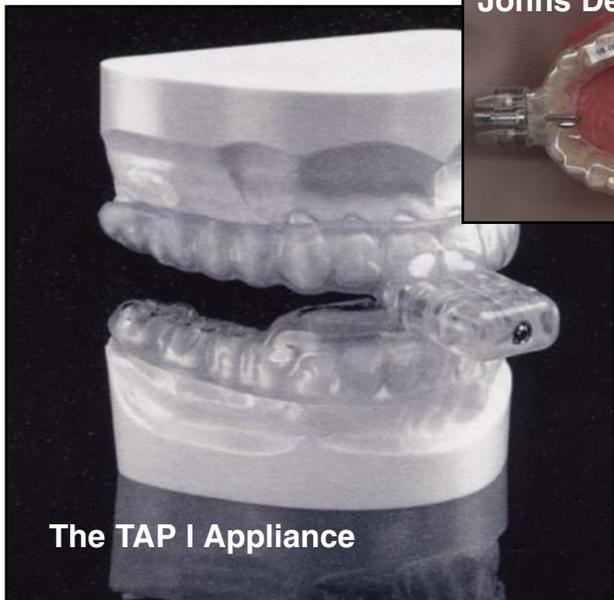


TAP I® & TAP III®

Sleep Apnea Appliances



The Thornton Adjustable Positioner® (TAP®) is an oral appliance solution for snoring and sleep apnea.

Appliance Design

The Thornton Adjustable Positioner (TAP) is based on the same principle as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, CPR. The airway must be opened to allow air to pass through the throat. A constricted or collapsed airway causes snoring and/or sleep apnea.

The TAP appliances hold the lower jaw in a forward position so that it does not fall open during the night and cause the airway to collapse. The TAP maintains a clear airway to reduce snoring and improve breathing.

The TAP device consists of an upper tray that fits over the upper teeth and a lower tray that fits over the lower teeth. A hook mechanism attached to the upper tray hooks

around a bar attached to the lower tray and positions the lower jaw forward, preventing the soft tissue of the throat from collapsing and obstructing the airway. The front piece on the TAP permits the patient to adjust the protrusion of their lower jaw to the most effective and comfortable position.

A NICKEL-FREE ADDITION TO THE TAP FAMILY

The TAP NF (Nickel-Free) offers the same results as other TAP appliances. It fits comfortably in the mouth. The compact hardware provides more room for the tongue and allows the lips to close. It is also designed for interchangeable hooks that can accommodate Class I, II, and III bites and increase the vertical distance between the upper and lower teeth. It gives the practitioner numerous

options to offer the best, customized treatment solution for their patients.

The hardware of the TAP NF is a nickel-free alloy that is stronger than stainless steel and less expensive than titanium, making it an allergy-free addition to the TAP product family.



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A complete "Clinician Instructional Booklet" will be included with every TAP case.

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